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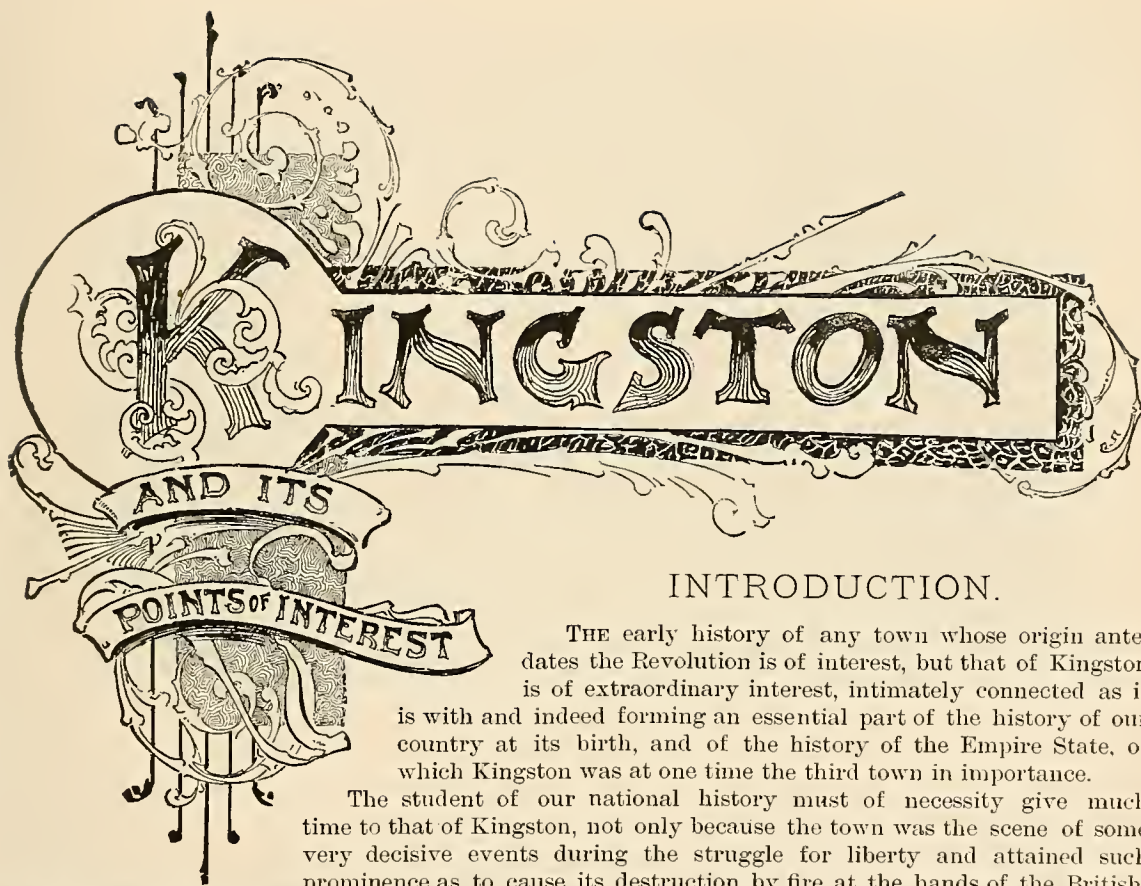
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INTRODUCTION.

THE early history of any town whose origin antedates the Revolution is of interest, but that of Kingston is of extraordinary interest, intimately connected as it is with and indeed forming an essential part of the history of our country at its birth, and of the history of the Empire State, of which Kingston was at one time the third town in importance.

The student of our national history must of necessity give much time to that of Kingston, not only because the town was the scene of some very decisive events during the struggle for liberty and attained such prominence as to cause its destruction by fire at the hands of the British,

whose excuse was the necessity of exterminating this "nest of rebels" as they were pleased to call it, but also because here was convened and organized the first Senate of the State of New York, and also because among Kingston's residents were numbered some of the boldest and most successful fighters against "Taxation without representation."

But the record of these happenings does not, strictly speaking, form a part of the *early* history of Kingston, for the first attempts at settlement in this place were made more than 150 years before the Revolution, so that in order to get at the first beginnings here we must go back to the "good old days" when Holland and not Britannia "ruled the waves"; when the Dutch people were as bold explorers as they were successful traders, and when no other nation was more respected or formed a more powerful factor in the world's development. We must go back to 1609, when Hendrick Hudson set sail from Holland in the little ship *Half-moon*, furnished him by the Dutch East India Company, by whom he was commissioned to seek a passage to the East Indies. Having crossed the ocean, he coasted along the shores of America, and September 12, 1609, passed through a narrow strait, entered a magnificent bay,

and saw before him a noble stream, which some of the Indians, who visited his vessel as she lay at anchor and revered and almost worshipped Hudson and his companions as emissaries of the Great Spirit, called Cahohatatia, "the river of the mountains." The *Half-moon* proceeded up the stream, and September 13 anchored at a point a few miles below the present boundary line of New York State and New Jersey, or very near "Indian Head," the highest point of the Palisades. September 14 the *Half-moon* anchored a few miles above "Anthony's Nose," entered Newburgh Bay the next



UNION AVENUE, KINGSTON.

day, reached a point nearly opposite the present town of Catskill, September 16, and the 17th sent small boats up the river, they getting up as far as Waterford. Hudson was so impressed by the grandeur and beauty of the stream, the richness of the adjoining country and the friendliness of the natives, that on his return to Europe he could not say enough in praise of the region, and the result was that the Holland East India Company hastened to fit out a ship and sent it forth the next year to trade with the Indians. Great profits were realized and so every effort was made to extend operations as rapidly as possible; trading-posts being established at Manhattan (now New York City), Fort Orange (now Albany), and also at various points between these extremes, the most important of these intermediate posts being that at what is now Rondout, for this location was especially advantageous for trade as it commanded all the country reached by the Rondout, the Wallkill and the Esopus streams, and was the terminus of an Indian "trail" or path to the Delaware River.

In a virgin country the streams are always the chief and generally the only means of communication and transportation; and the streams leading to the Rondout valley penetrate a country at that time exceedingly rich in furs and inhabited by friendly Indians anxious to exchange the fruit of their prowess with the bow and spear or of their skill with the trap for the beads, spangles and other gew-gaws offered by the whites.

The next pronounced step in the development of this region was taken October 11, 1614, when the States-General of Holland granted to the "United New Netherland Company the exclusive right to

visit and navigate all the lands situate in America between New France and Virginia, the sea-coast of which lies between the fortieth and forty-fifth degrees of latitude, and which are named the New Netherlands; and to navigate or cause to be navigated the same for four voyages within the period of three years, to commence from the first day of January, 1615, or sooner."

The company lost no time in profiting by this grant, but at once took possession of the Hudson River and emphasized this act by the erection of three forts; one of which was on the Battery at New



JOHN STREET, KINGSTON.

York; one on Castle Island, below Albany, and one at the point where Rondout Creek joins the Hudson, or in other words on the site of one of the principal business sections of that part of the city of Kingston known as Rondout. Shortly after this grant or patent given the United New Netherland Company had expired, an association named the West India Company was formed and was invested by the States-General with powers and privileges so numerous and important as to give to the corporation practically all the powers enjoyed by a sovereign nation, excepting the power of declaring war, and even that exception was imaginary rather than real, for the company numbered such influential men among its members and carried on operations on so enormous a scale that its influence was really unlimited. The patent was issued June 3, 1620, and was to continue twenty-four years.

The results attained in the line of permanent settlement by the West India Company were not so great as one would have thought probable, considering the magnitude and the enormous resources of the corporation; but as it was formed especially for trading and not for colonizing it made no particular effort to develop and improve the country, but only to collect its enormous product of furs and skins. So that although a trading-post was established within the limits of the present Kingston as early as 1614, it is believed that the first permanent settlement was not made until some forty years later, although some historians claim that there were a few settlers here in 1643, when the first war with the Indians was begun, it being brought about mainly by the treachery, stupidity and cruelty of Governor

Willem Kieft. This war lasted for two years and caused the abandonment of all outside settlements in the New Netherlands; the settlers retiring to the fort at New Amsterdam (now New York), and some being so thoroughly disheartened or disgusted as to return to Holland. Kieft was recalled after the mischief had been done and was succeeded by Petrus Stuyvesant, who was a great improvement upon his predecessor, but was greatly hindered in his efforts to conciliate the natives by their lively remembrance of Kieft's utter worthlessness and treachery.



FAIR STREET, LOOKING SOUTH, KINGSTON.

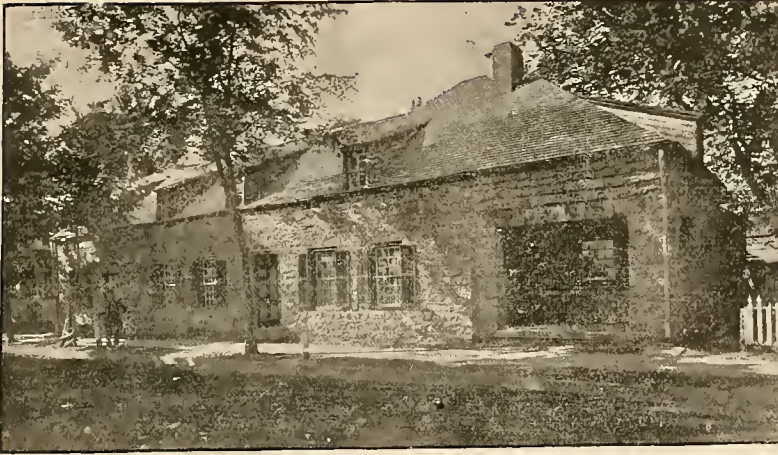
Still they gradually became pacified; the outlying settlements began to be reoccupied by the whites, and in 1652 occurred what is generally considered the first permanent settlement at Kingston, by the coming of men who came to cultivate the land instead of to rely entirely upon trading, fishing and hunting for support, as had been the practice of such Europeans as had preceded them here. These men included Thomas Chambers, Mattys Hendrix, Christopher Davis, and Johan De Hulter; and they and several others came here from Rensselaerwyck because confusion in land titles there caused disputes which made the results of labor insecure and comfort out of the question.

The Indians called Kingston "Ctt-kar-kas-ton," which some translate "an exceedingly beautiful land," and others "great plot or meadow," and it is easy to see why farmers should have been eager to settle here, upon the Esopus, for much of the land was entirely free from timber and all of it was very fertile and comparatively easy to work.

By 1655 there was quite a colony at Esopus, but that same year the Indians resumed hostilities, and the scattered and defenceless settlers fled to New Amsterdam and elsewhere and left tilled fields, buildings and live-stock to the mercy of the savages. In the fall of 1655 peace was declared, and the men of Esopus returned to find their property seriously damaged and much of it gone forever.

They went manfully to work to retrieve their losses, but had other than natural obstacles to contend against, for jealousy of the whites, natural brutality, and indulgence in "firewater" combined to make the Indians ugly and tyrannical, and in one drunken spree they killed a white man and burned two houses.

This was in May, 1658, and on the 28th of that month Governor Stuyvesant, at the head of seventy men, arrived at Esopus for the purpose of coming to some agreement with the Indians and settling the matter for good and all. He told the savages that he did not come there to fight, but if it was fight they wanted he would cheerfully accommodate them; and he told the settlers that they must form a village protected by a stockade, as otherwise he would give them no aid in the future. The settlers



OLD KINGSTON ACADEMY.

objected to immediate concentration, saying that harvest time was too near and that they were too poor to erect the necessary buildings and fortifications, but the Governor was firm and the village was formed, its site comprising the tract of land inclosed by North Front Street, on the north; Main Street, on the south; Green Street, on the west, and East Front Street, (now Clinton Avenue) on the east. The position was an excellent one for defence, as there were extremely steep banks on three sides, the side toward the south being the only one not so protected. In connection with this brief mention of

the laying out of the original Kingston, the following clipping from a late number of the *Kingston Daily Freeman* will prove of interest:

"The old Hoffman homestead, situated on the corner of North Front and Green Streets in this city, was the northwesterly corner of the stockade which enclosed Kingston in the seventeenth century. It was selected for such position because it stood on high ground and commanded a large extent of lowland, which gave it an excellent position for purposes of defence against the savages. The present house was built in 1660 and was burned by the British during the Revolution. The walls were left standing and the house was rebuilt in its present shape. The walls are two feet in thickness and contain embrasures as loop-holes used during the Esopus Indian wars. The ceilings throughout the entire house are supported by the old-fashioned Dutch horizontal beams, some of which still show the marks of fire. The marriage of Ralph D. Clearwater and Mary Frances, daughter of Ira Hoffman, was a marriage in the eighth generation of the Hoffman family in this old homestead. The marriage of every person was performed by the then pastor of the First Dutch Church of Kingston."

The stockade was completed late in the spring of 1658, and Governor Stuyvesant returned to New Amsterdam the latter part of June, leaving twenty-four soldiers at Esopus to guard the settlement. The Indians were distrustful of the whites and the whites



SENATE HOUSE, KINGSTON.

were even more distrustful of the Indians, but no open breach occurred in their comparatively friendly relations until the fall of 1659, when eight Indians who had been at work for one of the settlers got drunk on some brandy with which he supplied them, and howled, danced, and shrieked in that particularly fervent manner which characterizes drunken men of all races, white, black, or copper colored. This alarmed some of the settlers, although the Indians were outside the stockade and could do no great harm even were they so disposed, and the more rash and cruel among the whites determined to teach the redskins a lesson, and accordingly sallied forth armed with muskets, axes, knives, clubs and other instruments of persuasion. They found the Indians so stupid from drink as to be utterly helpless, but nevertheless they fired upon them and most of



NORTH FRONT STREET.

those who escaped instant death from gun-shot wounds were brained with axes or clubs. This cowardly massacre was committed in direct opposition to the orders and persuasions of Ensign Smit, the officer in command of the troops left by Stuyvesant, and the day following the shameful deed he told the people of Esopus that as they were so ready to fight they could fight alone, as he proposed to take his men to New Amsterdam at once. But this was easier said than done, for the river was the only road to New Amsterdam and as some of the settlers had hidden all the boats in the neighborhood there was no way that Smit and his men could traverse the Hudson. However, he finally managed to obtain a canoe, and by it he sent a messenger to Stuyvesant informing him of the critical state of affairs.

The canoe left Rondout September 25, 1659, four days after the massacre, and as the party, consisting of about twenty men, that had escorted the messenger to the Hudson was returning to Esopus, it was ambuscaded by the Indians at a point very near the site of the present City Hall, and only about half a dozen escaped, the rest surrendering without resistance as the odds against them were overwhelming. Then the Indians attacked the settlement with the greatest fierceness, burning all the buildings outside the stockade, killing cattle, destroying crops and injuring the settlers in every way at their disposal. Not a few of the buildings within the enclosure were burned by the use of "fire-arrows" and fire-brands, and the savages strove desperately to carry the place by storm, but it was too strong to be

taken in that way and only one of the defenders was killed, while the Indians suffered severely. Foiled in their attempt to capture Esopus by assault they laid siege to it and for three weeks invested it so closely that it was as much as a man's life was worth for him to show his head for an instant above the stockade; but the siege was no more effectual than the assault in bringing about a surrender, and finally the baffled redskins gave it up and dispersed to their several hunting-grounds, after getting what satisfaction they could by torturing with fiendish ingenuity their helpless captives.



KINGSTON COURT HOUSE.

Stuyvesant visited the settlement late in October, 1659, and again in November, but the Indians feared to meet him as he desired to arrange a treaty of peace, and finally he became so impatient that he no longer desired a peaceful settlement of the difficulty and in March, 1660, he issued a formal declaration of war against the Esopus Indians. During that spring and the early summer the campaign was vigorously prosecuted by the whites, and although no very important engagement took place the redskins were seriously harassed and a large proportion of their meagre property destroyed. The savages made many overtures to secure peace, but Stuyvesant proposed to show them that it was much easier to bring on a war than to stop it, and so he continued his career of destruction until he thought the necessary impression had been made.

Finally, on the 15th of July, 1660, a grand conference of whites and Indians was held at Esopus "on the flat near the strand gate" just outside the stockade, or near the present site of the Kingston Academy building, and peace was arranged on a basis very favorable to the whites, considering that they brought on the war and were responsible for its long continuance.

It was agreed that all fighting should stop at once; that all past injuries received on either side should be ignored in the future; that the Dutch were to have all the Esopus land and the Indians were to leave there quickly and permanently; and that neither whites nor Indians were to kill any domestic

animals but their own without paying for them, or submitting to arrest if detected in a breach of this agreement.

The whites agreed to pay a certain amount of corn for the captives held by the Indians and the Indians agreed to approach the houses of the whites only when unarmed, and to drink the fire-water with which the whites kindly supplied them (at some thousand per cent. profit) only when on their own hunting-grounds, so that their drunken orgies should not offend the ears of the Europeans.

It was not until some months after the close of the Indian War that Esopus had a local government of its own, for it was a dependency of Fort Orange until May, 1661, although the Amsterdam directors of the West India Company had tried to provide a local government April 15, 1660, by the appointment of one Roeloff Swartwout "as the schout of said village at the Esopus, investing him with full power and authority to prosecute the contraveners of all politic, criminal and civil laws, and bring them to justice, according to the ordinances and placards; to indict all delinquents in the said village or jurisdiction, and to fine and punish them in the manner that the law shall dictate; to endeavor by diligence and information to help the Governor remove and prevent all misdeeds; to assist in the speedy execution of all judgments, and further to act in all respects as a schout is bound by his oath to do." In some respects the office of schout resembled that of sheriff, for about all the duties and powers of the latter office were exercised by the schout; but his office was much more important, inasmuch as it involved his assuming the position of presiding officer of the court in civil actions, and of prosecuting attorney in criminal proceedings. Little wonder then that Stuyvesant should have considered Swartwout too young, and altogether incompetent to discharge the duties of so important an office, for he was but twenty-six years old and had no special training to fit him for the position.

Stuyvesant absolutely refused to install him in the office, and at once wrote to the directors explaining his refusal; but they would not accept his explanations, severely reprimanded him for daring to dispute the wisdom of their appointment, and imperatively insisted that he carry out their original instructions and induct Swartwout into office at once. Accordingly, Stuyvesant gave the residents of Esopus a formal charter conferring municipal powers upon the settlement, to which he gave the name of "Wiltwyck," as the site of the village was a free gift from the Indians.

The charter was issued May 16, 1661, and Swartwout was installed as schout, June 27, 1661, this act completing the organization of the first village and the first judicial tribunal in this part of the State.

It is worthy of note in view of the fact that some have claimed that the place was settled as early as 1620, that the official record of the charter of the village, dated May 16, 1661, contains the following words: "Director General Petrus Stuyvesant. . . observing the situation and condition of a place called the Esopus, *which has now been inhabited and settled six or seven years*, hath, in consideration of the situation and population thereof, erected the locality into a village and given it the name of Wiltwyck, whereby it shall be called now and henceforward."

At this period there was one small gristmill and a little church in town, the latter being located on what is now the northeast corner of Wall and Main Streets. Nearly all the houses were log cabins, one story high and containing a garret used as a sleeping chamber.

After organization, the population of the place increased rapidly, and a new settlement was started at a point some three miles inland, then called the "new village" and afterward known as "Hurley."

All went well for a time, but the Indians were dissatisfied and June 7, 1663, many of them entered the village of Wiltwyck in small parties and with every appearance of friendliness; choosing an hour when most of the white men were at work in the fields outside the stockade. Suddenly, mounted messengers dashed through the gates calling out: "The Indians have destroyed the new village!" and with that the redskins threw off the mask and began to shoot, cut, burn and destroy, and to take women and children prisoners and drag them outside the stockade.

Although taken utterly by surprise the whites recovered quickly; the few within the stockade fought desperately until the arrival of their neighbors from the fields, and then all the survivors set upon the savages with such hearty good will that they drove them from the village, but not so precipitately as to prevent their taking their prisoners with them. The place had been carefully fired and would probably have been entirely destroyed but for a sudden change of wind. The new village was utterly destroyed, only an unfinished barn escaping the flames, and when the settlers had an opportunity to sum up their losses they found that twelve men, four women and two children had been killed; eight men wounded, four women and four children taken prisoners, and twelve houses burned at Wiltwyck; while at the new village three men had been killed; and one man, eight women, and twenty-six children captured.

As soon as possible the terrible tale was related to Governor Stuyvesant, who at once raised a force and so vigorously attacked and pursued the Indians that he was able to report the following November that the Indians had then no more than twenty-eight effective men, a dozen or so women and a few children remaining; that they were too frightened to have any settled place of abode and were destitute of all huts, wigwams or other shelter.

This, the second Esopus war, was formally ended by a treaty signed May 16, 1664.

But the Dutch colonies in America had a much more powerful foe than the Indians to fear, for the English coveted the Dutch possessions, and August 27, 1664, the city of New Amsterdam surrendered to



WALL STREET.

a British fleet. Of course this sealed the fate of the smaller settlements and, in September, first Fort Orange and then Wiltwyck or Esopus surrendered to the English, on conditions which were as favorable as could be expected under the circumstances.

Some five years later, in September, 1669, a commission was appointed by Governor Lovelace to go up and regulate the affairs of the Esopus settlements, and among other proceedings they changed the name of the place from Wiltwyck, and Esopus or 'Sopus, to Kingston; that name being chosen out of compliment to Governor Lovelace, whose mother's family had an estate at Kingston L'Isle, in Berkshire, England.

But Lovelace's authority over this region was not of very long duration, for July 29, 1673, a Dutch fleet appeared before New York; the next day it opened fire upon the city, and New York was then surrendered by the English and the entire territory became once more a Dutch province.

Not much more than a month passed before the name of the town was again changed, it being ordered that Kingston should thenceforth be known as Swanenburgh, but this was not destined to long remain its legal title, for the New Netherlands were restored to Great Britain in February, 1674, and the town resumed the name given it during Governor Lovelace's administration.

Its right to this name was further confirmed by a charter granted by Governor Dougan, May 19, 1687, in which he "declares, determines and grants that the said Inhabitants and Freeholders, the free-men of Kingston aforesaid, commonly called by the name of the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the town of Kingston, or by whatever name or names they are called or named, and their successors forever henceforward are, and shall be one body Corporate and Politick in deed and name, and by name of the

Trustees of the Freeholders and Commonality of the town of Kingston." An idea of the importance of Kingston about this time may be gained from a report made by the Governor to the Privy Council, in 1686, in which he said that the principal towns in the Province were New York, Albany and Kingston; all the rest being merely country villages. Nor was this any merely temporary condition of affairs, for more than ninety years afterward, when Kingston was burned by the British, it was still the third place in New York in importance. In 1703 a census of Ulster County was taken, from which it appears that the population of Kingston was 804, or nearly as much as that of the four other towns in the county combined; their population aggregating 865.

When the eighteenth century opened, Kingston was inhabited by an industrious, hardy and prudent people, and as the natural conditions were very favorable for agriculture and for trading, the town prospered greatly, although the century was not far advanced before the people began to murmur against the exactions incidental to British rule and showed more and more dissatisfaction as they saw their rights further encroached upon and as they more clearly perceived the intention of the English government to squeeze as much as possible from the American colonies, no matter how greatly they might suffer during the process. At first the expostulations of the people were very mild and respectful, but it soon became evident that persuasion and an appeal for justice could accomplish nothing, and harsher methods were adopted, the colonists not hesitating to call a spade a spade and a lie a lie in their remonstrances addressed to the king or his ministers and officers. Some of Kingston's most prominent citizens were appointed a "Committee of Observation" as recommended by the Continental Congress, and April 7, 1775, they ordered what we should now call a "boycott" upon one Jacobus Low, a merchant who insisted upon selling East India tea, in defiance of the expressed wishes of the people.

The committee reported that as Mr. Low had positively refused to stop selling tea they therefore "Do publish, and he, the said Jacobus Low, is hereby published, as an enemy to the rights and liberties of America; and we do hereby declare, that we will henceforth abstain from (and recommend it to others to abstain from) all kind of connections and commerce with him, until such time as a change in his conduct shall induce us to alter our determination." Mr. Low "stuck it out" for two months, but evidently finally concluded that it was better not to sell tea than not to sell anything at all, and so he wrote a humble letter to the committee, and asked for a reconciliation for the good of the country in general and of Jacobus Low in particular. He was promptly forgiven and the committee recommended that "he again be received as a friend to the liberties and privileges of British America."

From the Battle of Lexington, April 19, 1775, to the close of active warfare and the acknowledgment of the independence of the American colonies, was a period so crowded with events that even the barest summary of them would exhaust our available space many times over, and Kingston was so situated as to take a very prominent part in this fight for freedom. The jail was filled with prisoners of war; vessels were anchored in the Rondout to serve as prison ships, and a company of soldiers was stationed here to guard these captives. The Committee of Safety met at Kingston, February 19, 1777, and on the 6th day of the following March the Provincial Convention met here, having adjourned to this point from Fishkill, owing to insufficient accommodations at the latter place. The chief duty of this convention was to adopt a constitution for the government of the people, and a constitution was agreed upon April 20, 1777; and April 22 the people were summoned to listen to the reading of it in front of the Kingston Court House. This, the first constitution of the State of New York, has often been held up as a model by the ablest statesmen and lawyers, and it is generally agreed that no subsequent constitution has equalled it in providing for existing conditions.

The first court held under this constitution was opened by Chief Justice Jay in the Kingston Court House, September 9, 1777; and the first Senate of the State of New York met and organized September 1, 1777, at Kingston, in the house of Abraham Van Gaasbeek, situated on the west side of what is now Clinton Avenue, near the corner of North Front Street. The Assembly met and organized at the public-house of Evert Bogardus, at the northwest corner of Maiden Lane and Fair Street.

The Legislature as a whole was not fully organized until September 10, and its session was very brief, owing to the approach of the British. Its subsequent sessions at Kingston were in August, 1779, April, 1780, and March, 1783.

The first session of the Legislature continued until October 7, 1777; and October 16, a British fleet arrived at the mouth of Rondout Creek, opposite Columbus Point, and after some hours of cannonading sent a large force ashore; burned the three houses that then formed the entire village at what is now Rondout; and also burned the prison ship and all the other vessels in sight. Then they marched to Kingston Village and systematically proceeded to reduce that place to ashes, which congenial work they

executed so effectually as to leave but one house and a barn standing; thus utterly destroying the third largest town in the State.

Vaughan, the general in command, claimed that the townspeople fired on his men when they entered the village, so that he was justified in destroying it, but nothing is surer than that the place was abandoned long before he reached it, as there was no force adequate to make even an hour's resistance, and the residents fled to inland villages, abandoning their property to the mercies of a supposedly civil-



KINGSTON ARMORY.

ized foe, but, as it proved, one who acted more barbarously than a savage would have acted. Vaughan admitted himself in his official despatch describing the affair that his loss was so small as to be unworthy of mention, and the fact is he had no excuse for his wholesale destruction of private property, and his whole course in the matter was cowardly and brutal in the extreme.

Many of the Kingston residents were reduced to absolute beggary; others were made poor, and all were greatly inconvenienced by lack of shelter, and by the dearth of food and clothing consequent upon the destruction of the great quantity of stores at the village.

Contributions of money and goods came from various parts of the country in spite of the fact that "times were hard" and private and public resources were reduced to but a small fraction of their normal standard; and South Carolina in particular showed admirable generosity and sympathy, for her citizens forwarded an amount equal to about 930 pounds in the New York currency of the time, although the South Carolina capital was visited just then by a most destructive conflagration. General Washington visited Kingston in November, 1782, and in replying to an address of greeting said: "While I view with indignation the marks of a wanton and cruel enemy, I perceive with the highest satisfaction that the heavy calamity which befell this flourishing settlement seems but to have added to the patriotic spirit of its inhabitants, and that a new town is fast rising out of the ashes of the old."

By this time hostilities had ceased, but the final treaty of peace was not signed until September, 1783.

November 25, 1783, the city of New York was evacuated, and it is safe to say that the people of Kingston were second to none in their rejoicing over this final proof that the power of Great Britain was at an end in this part of the country, for they had fought like men from first to last, had suffered severe losses and hence could appreciate a peace not gained at the expense of honor.

Of the history of Kingston since the Revolution it is not our purpose to speak, for its history up to the close of that war has taken up almost all our available space, even in the highly summarized form in which we have presented it; for 150 years of development cannot be dismissed in a paragraph, and more than that amount of time passed between the building of the first fort within the present limits of Kingston and the end of the Revolution.



THE SOLDIER'S MONUMENT, KINGSTON.

Let us now say a few words about the Kingston of to-day, and as that includes Rondout, whose early history so far as it has any is practically identical with that of Kingston, we propose to go somewhat into detail concerning the present city in the sketch of Rondout, which may be found in another portion of this book.

The city of Kingston was incorporated just a score of years ago, or in 1872, and includes the villages of Kingston, Rondout and Wilbur, the last being of very little importance, comparatively speaking.

The city is situated on the right or west bank of the Hudson, ninety miles north of New York and fifty-five miles south of Albany, and it is by far the most important place in and the capital of Ulster County. Kingston Village is situated from two to three miles from the Hudson, while Rondout is much nearer that river, being from a half mile to a mile and a-half away from it and extending along the north bank of the Rondout Creek, the mouth of which, in connection with quite elaborate jetties or breakwaters, affords a perfectly safe and quite spacious harbor, large and deep enough to receive the largest river steamers and thronged at all times during the navigation season with steamboats, sailing vessels and canal-boats; for the commerce of Kingston is more extensive than that of any other place on the Hudson between New York and Albany, and as the mouth of the Rondout River is at the end of the Delaware and Hudson Canal which leads to the Pennsylvania coal region, an enormous amount of coal is received here, and canal-boats are almost as plenty as roses in June. The Ulster and Delaware Railroad has its terminus at Rondout and one may reach Kingston Village by this road if desired, but it is very seldom used by passengers between the two places as a horse street railway affords a much more frequent and convenient means of communication. The site of Kingston Village is an elevated sandy plain on the right bank of Esopus Creek, which flows north and empties into the Hudson at Saugerties, eleven miles from Kingston Village. The main distinguishing features of this village are its broad, level streets, its handsome and numerous shade trees, its old and massive looking houses, its court house and its many well-stocked stores. In a general way it may be said that the older portion of the city of Kingston is here; the newer portions being at Rondout and between the two places. Kingston Village is of special interest to the antiquarian and the historian, owing to its highly important historic associations and to the character of its buildings, although, of course, none of the latter are very old as the place was utterly destroyed about 125 years ago. The court house, erected in 1818, is in excellent condition, and the great Dutch Reformed Church building is one of the most truly symmetrical and imposing church edifices in the entire State. In its yard repose the remains of not a few who were prominent in the early history of the place, and on some of the tombstones are inscribed the names of some of the oldest and most highly honored families of this portion of the Union.

But we would not have the reader believe that Kingston Village is of interest to the antiquarian only; on the contrary, it is of interest to him who is concerned only with the affairs of to-day as well as to him who finds peculiarly acceptable entertainment in delving into the past, for this is a bustling nineteenth century sort of a place; active, keen, enterprising and successful; largely populated, progressively conducted; the site of many fine modern business structures; the centre of business for a large agricultural section, and with excellent schools, admirable churches and other facilities which are in keeping with its position as capital of intelligent, orderly and prosperous Ulster County.

Water, gas, electric-lights, competent and adequate police and fire departments—all these things and other city belongings are provided, and he who visits Kingston Village in the expectation of finding it a "back number" or absurdly behind the times, will most surely be agreeably disappointed, for no place in New York is more completely "up to snuff," if we may be permitted to use a slangy but highly expressive phrase.

There are some magnificent estates in and near the village; there is a large proportion of educated capable men among its residents, and the wealth of the community is amply sufficient to provide for its legitimate needs. Well-edited and prosperous daily and weekly papers, solid and progressively managed banks, aid in maintaining and advancing the interests of the place and in connection with those at the other end of the city in Rondout, give Kingston a leading position among the cities of the State having from 20,000 to 30,000 population. Kingston is growing steadily, and no one who will study its past and investigate its present can escape the conclusion that its growth is based upon such numerous and varied conditions that no ordinary reverses and changes in business affairs can permanently stop or even seriously hinder it.

REPRESENTATIVE BUSINESS MEN OF KINGSTON.

THE

KINGSTON CARRIAGE CO.,

Carriages, Wagons

—AND—

CARTS,

Of all Descriptions.

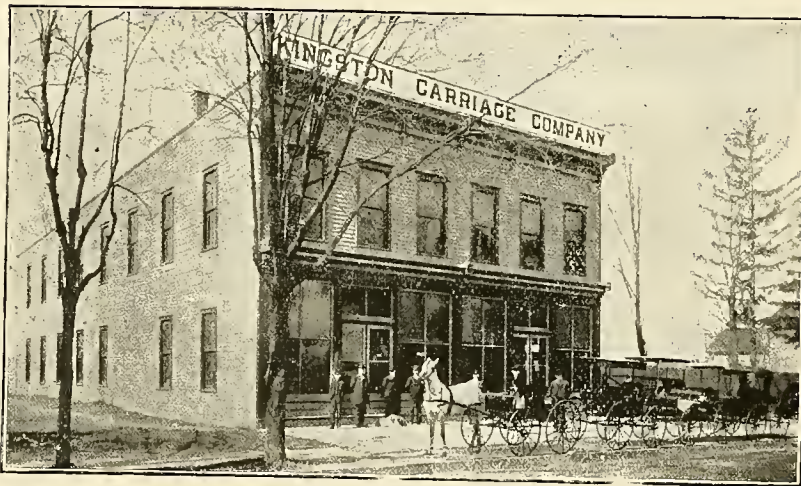
Harness, Blankets, Whips,

Horse Clothing, Etc., Etc.

UNION AVE.,

Near West Shore Depot.

KINGSTON, N.Y.



People are prompt to recognize merit, wherever found, and hence the liberal patronage bestowed upon the Kingston Carriage Company, since it began business at the beginning of the current year, is only what might have been expected, for the residents of this section are certainly up to the average as regards intelligence, and the advantages offered by the company are certainly many and important. Two mammoth repositories, located on Union Avenue, near the West Shore Depot, are utilized; they having an aggregate of more than 25,000 feet of floor space, and being the finest showrooms in the State for vehicles of all kinds, harness, saddles, robes, blankets, whips, horse clothing and horse and stable furnishings in general. The stock is wonderfully complete and includes surreys, phaetons, victorias, buggies, buckboards, road-wagons, carts, mountain wagons, milk and bakery wagons, market wagons, delivery wagons, farm and lumber wagons; also sleighs of many styles and grades. Single and double harness for driving, for express and general business use, and for heavy teaming is very largely represented in the stock, which includes low, medium and high-priced goods; the idea being to cater with equal care to all classes of trade. In short, as the company announced when beginning operations:—"It is our intention to carry a large and better variety of work than has ever been offered in this section, and to sell at lower prices, quality considered, than similar work has ever been offered." This announcement has been fully carried out, and the result is a very large and still rapidly growing trade. Mr. E. T. Haines is the efficient manager of the establishment and sufficient assistance is employed to ensure prompt and careful attention to every caller.



employed to attend to all orders for repairs. Max, Wolf, Seligman and Simon Oppenheimer compose the members of the firm all being natives of Germany. The store is 25 x 68 feet in size. This house is one of the representative concerns of Kingston.

F. S. THOMPSON, dealer in Stoves, Ranges, Tinware, Etc., all kinds of Tin and Sheet-iron Ware Constantly on Hand. Tin Roofing a Specialty, all Work Warranted Strictly First-class, No. 43 North Front Street, Kingston, N. Y.—The difference in price between a store that embodies all the latest improvements and one that contains but few or none of them is but small, comparatively speaking; but even if it were ten times as much as it is it would still be true economy to pay it, for a strictly first-class modern stove is so economical of fuel and is so easy to manage and so certain in its operation that it will soon pay for itself when it displaces a stove made in accordance with old ideas. Of course, in order to be sure of getting the best possible stove for the least possible money, you must deal with the right party, but the residents of this vicinity need have no difficulty on that score, for Mr. F. S. Thompson is prepared to furnish the latest types of cooking and heating stoves at positively bottom prices, and to guarantee that they will do all that is claimed for them if used in accordance with directions. Mr. Thompson needs no introduction to our Kingston readers, he having carried on his present business here since 1834. He utilizes one floor and basement, 20 x 80 feet in dimensions, at No. 43 North Front Street, and carries a heavy and varied stock of stoves, ranges, tinware, etc. Every facility is at hand for the doing of job work, tin roofing being a specialty, and all work warranted strictly first-class, and done at moderate prices. Competent assistants are employed and no trouble spared to maintain the reputation already acquired. This gentleman is sole agent in Kingston for the celebrated "Acorn" stoves.

VAN BUREN'S MARKET, William T. Van Buren, Proprietor, dealer in Fresh, Salt and Smoked Meats, No. 113 Wall Street, Kingston, N. Y.—No experienced buyer can visit the establishment at No. 113 Wall Street, of which Mr. Wm. T. Van Buren is proprietor, without being impressed by the magnitude, variety and desirability of the stock and the lowness of the prices quoted, for although this is just the opposite of a "cheap store," as that expression is commonly understood, still we know of no place in this section of the state where first-class food supplies are obtainable at more reasonable rates. Mr. Van Buren is a native of this town and succeeded to the business established by Henry Van Buren in 1833. The market, which is located as above, comprises one store, 30 x 40 feet in dimensions, and is spacious and well arranged, and contains excellent facilities for the safe storing of perishable provisions in the hottest weather, for the assortment always comprises a full line of meats, provisions, fresh and smoked; so there is little in this line of family food supplies that cannot be bought at this popular store. Employment is given to two competent assistants and callers are promptly and politely attended to, no pains being spared to ensure the prompt and accurate delivery of every order.

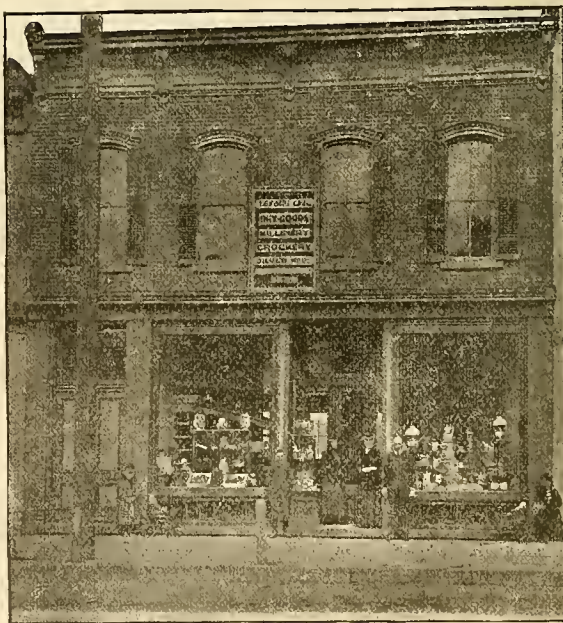
A. J. PERRINE, Carriage and Sleigh Maker, Washington Avenue, Kingston, N. Y.—If there be any truth to the old saying, "Practice makes perfect," Mr. A. J. Perrine must certainly be tolerably "perfect" in the manufacture of carriages and sleighs, for he has been identified with the production of such vehicles for nearly half a century, having begun operations away back in 1846. Styles change in carriages as they do in dress, and the carriage of thirty or forty years ago would look queer enough, no doubt, but there is no change in the advantages gained by using honest and carefully selected material, by employing skilled assistance, by providing first-class tools and other facilities, and by personally supervising important details of the work, and as Mr. Perrine observes all these points, as well as being fully up to the times, as regards the latest novelties in carriage and sleigh construction, it follows that his productions are unsurpassed and give excellent satisfaction to even the most critical purchasers. His shop is located on Washington Avenue, and is well fitted up, not only for manufacturing, but also for repairing and general jobbing—orders being promptly and skilfully filled at uniformly moderate rates.

M. OPPENHEIMER & SONS, dealers in Fine Watches, Jewelry, Clocks, Silverware, Etc., also, Gents' Furnishing Goods; Near West Shore R. R. Crossing, 542 Union Avenue, Kingston, N. Y.—The taste for jewelry and the expression of art in personal adornment is as old as the human race, and one of the most marked and universal of its characteristics with the progress of civilization is that it has assumed new and beautiful forms, and to-day the best jewelry stores are centres of the most delicate and lovely exponents of art. The establishment conducted by Messrs. M. Oppenheimer & Sons and located at 540 Union Avenue, near West Shore R. R. Crossing Kingston, N. Y., was started recently and has proved a success from the beginning. These gentlemen have had ten years' experience in this line of business and are therefore qualified to buy and sell to their customers' best advantage. They carry an excellent and complete line of watches, jewelry, clocks, silverware and gents' furnishing goods. Prices are very moderate and satisfaction is guaranteed. Two competent watchmakers are em-



E. DEANE & CO., dealers in Foreign and Domestic Dry Goods, No. 16 Wall Street, Kingston, N. Y.—There is an immense variety of articles now included under the head of dry and fancy goods, and the number of such is constantly increasing as the popular demand for novelties calls forth fresh fabrics and original "notions." It naturally follows that the only way to offer anywhere near a complete assortment is to carry a very heavy as well as varied stock, and that to be found at the establishment now conducted by Messrs. E. Deane & Co., at No. 19 Wall Street, is about as perfect an illustration of what we mean by a complete assortment as can be pointed out in the entire town, for it comprises foreign and domestic dry goods and notions in almost endless profusion, and at the same time is composed exclusively of fresh, seasonable and salable articles, the firm considering their store space too valuable to be occupied by "back number" goods. Mr. E. Deane is a native of Esopus, N. Y. This undertaking was started many years ago by A. J. Townsend, as millinery and fancy goods, he being succeeded in 1888 by J. B. Humphreys, and during the current year, the present proprietors took possession and management. A very extensive trade has been built up, the residents of Kingston being not at all slow to recognize the advantages held out at this popular store. The premises consist of one large floor, 25 x 110 feet, all necessary facilities being at hand to display the stock to excellent advantages. Six competent assistants are employed and prompt and courteous attention is assured to every caller. Mr. Deane was for eleven years in W. Van Kleck's store, at Poughkeepsie and one year with Benson & Hart in this town before embarking in his present undertaking, so has had long experience.

HERBERT CARL, dealer in Dry Goods, Millinery, Crockery and House Furnishing Good, Toys and Notions, Dolls and General Variety Store, No. 35 North Front Street, Kingston, N. Y.—It is difficult and, in fact, practically impossible to give an idea of the nature of the inducements offered at the establishment conducted by Mr. Herbert Carl, at No. 35 North Front Street, within the limited space at our command, for the gentleman in question deals in dry goods and millinery, crockery and house furnishing goods, toys and notions, dolls, etc., and any verbal description of such articles must, even under the most favorable circumstances, be inadequate and unsatisfactory. He uses two floors with plate-glass windows at the above address, 25 x 75 feet in dimensions, and carries an unusually extensive and varied stock, comprising the very latest fashionable novelties in the way of millinery goods, ribbons, velvets, laces and other trimmings, besides a very carefully selected assortment of fancy goods, etc. If we can interest our readers sufficiently to cause them to visit the establishment in question and see for themselves, we are sure that the result will be satisfactory to all parties concerned. There are many special inducements offered to patrons and much or little money may be expended to most excellent advantage. This enterprise was established by Mr. Carl, who is a native of Ulster County. Four competent assistants are employed, thus customers are given such immediate and polite attention as to make a visit to this popular store a very pleasant as well as profitable one. This enterprise has been a success from the start.



HUDSON RIVER FURNITURE CO.,

Manufacturers and Dealers in

FURNITURE,

KINGSTON, N. Y.



In theory, a concern which manufactures furniture should be able to offer greater inducements to buyers than a house which merely handles such goods, but in practice it is often found that, owing chiefly to lack of proper executive ability, the manufacturer offers no more advantages than the ordinary retail dealer. A notable exception to this rule is afforded by the service offered by the Hudson River Furniture Company, for this concern are manufacturers of and wholesale and retail dealers in furniture, and their business is so thoroughly systemized and so ably conducted in each of its departments that all assist and none interfere with each other—the result being that the company cater successfully with other manufacturers for wholesale, and with dealers in general for retail trade. The factory is a large wooden structure, fitted up with an elaborate plant and located near the West Shore Railroad station, while the warehouse is a substantial brick building, containing four floors and a basement, each measuring 30 x 100 feet. An immense stock of high and medium grade furniture of all kinds is constantly carried, and the assortment is so frequently replenished as always to include the latest fashionable novelties. No old style goods are allowed to accumulate, the “one-price” system is rigidly adhered to and bottom prices are quoted on all the articles handled—the result being that experienced and inexperienced buyers are equally sure of getting full value for every dollar expended. The proprietors of this representative establishment are Messrs. J. H. Gregory and A. N. Barnes, both of whom are natives of Kingston, and universally known here. Mr. Gregory is secretary of the Kingston Board of Trade, and Mr. Barnes formerly held the position of postmaster. Both gentlemen give close personal attention to the business and maintain the service at the highest standard of efficiency.



HOWARD MYER, manufacturer of Fine Havana Cigars and Wholesale Dealer in all Kinds of Tobaccos, Plug, Snuff, Cigarettes, Pipes, Etc., No. 31 John Street, Kingston, N. Y.—There is but one sure way of distinguishing a good cigar and that is to smoke it, for in spite of the claims of self-styled "experts," we question if there be a man living who can infallibly judge by any other means. Examination will tell whether a cigar is well made or not, and whether it is well seasoned or not; but beyond this it avails but little, and therefore the smoker has but one surety that he will not be imposed upon, and that is the reputation of the dealer from whom he buys. Mr. Howard Myer has long had the name of selling thoroughly satisfactory cigars at moderate prices, and this name is so well deserved that we feel that we can do our readers no greater service than to call their attention to this gentleman's establishment at No. 31 John Street, for here may be found a remarkably complete assortment of fine Havana cigars, tobaccos, plug, snuff, cigarettes, pipes, etc., etc., and the prices are as satisfactory as are the goods themselves. The store is 15 x 50 feet in dimensions. Mr. Myer has carried on this business since 1890. He is a native of Ulster county, in this State, and does both a wholesale and retail trade. Twelve to fifteen competent assistants are employed and all callers are assured prompt and polite attention. Mr. Myer manufactures all his own cigars, and of course is in a position to know the quality of all the goods sold and handled by him.

FRANK MCGOVERN, Groceries and Provisions, Wines, Liquors and Cigars, Hasbrouck Avenue, Kingston, N. Y.—Many a housekeeper is looking for just such an establishment as that carried on by Mr. Frank McGovern on Hasbrouck Avenue, and we take pleasure in commending this enterprise to such inquirers for we know that Mr. McGovern's methods are sure to please, and we know those who have business dealings with him are outspoken in their approval of the accommodations offered. Operations were begun in 1885 by the firm of Damon Brothers, who were succeeded by the present proprietor in 1890. Mr. McGovern is very well known throughout Kingston and vicinity. The premises used by him are 20 x 35 feet in dimensions, and the stock on hand is not only large but unusually varied as well, as it includes both staple and fancy groceries, as well as all kinds of provisions, wines, liquors, and cigars. It will be seen that the greater part of the household food supply may be obtained of Mr. McGovern, and as his prices are all that can be reasonably desired as regards fairness, etc., it is well worth while to give the store a call. The groceries, provisions, flour, wines, etc., comprise the best the market affords, as all goods are obtained direct from importers and producers, when possible. This gentleman is a bridge and road contractor.



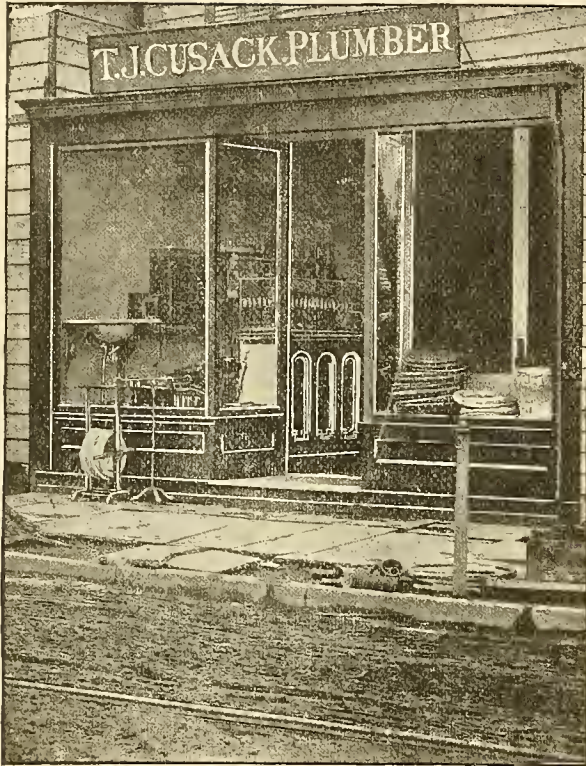
I. G. THAYER, dealer in Pianos and Organs, Pianos and Organs Tuned and Repaired, St. James Street, Corner Clinton Avenue, Kingston, N. Y.—There are a great many pianos and organs in use in this country, but still there are many families yet unsupplied, and extensive as the trade in musical instruments has become it is as yet but in its infancy. Mr. I. G. Thayer is known as an extensive dealer in pianos and organs and as sole agent for the celebrated Boardman & Gray pianos, in Kingston and vicinity, and now occupies premises located on St. James Street, corner of Clinton Avenue. This establishment was opened to the public in 1886, by its present proprietor. Mr. Thayer is a native of Columbia County, and is very well known throughout Kingston and vicinity. He warrants all instruments and offers a sufficient variety of styles to allow of all tastes being suited, and will also select for purchasers from any of the first-class makes, while the prices quoted are so low as to explain in a great measure the magnitude of his trade. The premises utilized are some 800 square feet in dimensions, where a fine assortment of the above-named instruments are displayed. Mr. Thayer makes a specialty of the tuning, repairing and polishing of pianos and organs, all such work being done in a thoroughly satisfactory and workmanlike manner. No dealer or repairer offers greater inducements and none is more zealous in guarding the interests of his customers than is Mr. I. G. Thayer, located on St. James Street, corner of Clinton Avenue, Kingston, N. Y.

JOHN GOTELLI, Retail and Wholesale Dealers in Foreign and Domestic Fruits, Choice Confectionery and Ice-cream, No. 3 Wall Street, Kingston, N. Y.—Fruit has been called "the only perfect food with the exception of milk," and there is no doubt whatever but that the judicious eating of fruit will do much to fortify the system against disease by promoting digestion and otherwise assisting the various processes incidental to the maintenance of life. The United States has long been known as "a nation of dyspeptics," but if fruit continues to gain here in popularity this term will soon be no longer applicable. Both foreign and domestic fruits may now be had at a very low price, for steam and enterprise have worked wonders, and the productions of tropical countries and of the southern portion of our own country are now offered in the northern markets at rates within the means of all. One of the leading wholesale and retail dealers in foreign and domestic fruit, doing business in this section, is Mr. John Gotelli, located at No. 3 Wall Street. This gentleman has been identified with his present establishment since 1887. He handles all kinds of fruit, confectionery and ice-cream, and employs one competent assistant. Mr. Gotelli is in a position to fill the heaviest orders at short notice and to quote positively bottom prices at all times. His store, located at the above address, is 15 x 40 feet in dimensions, where all orders will receive immediate and careful attention, and retailers would do well to look into the advantages that Mr. Gotelli is prepared to offer.

JOHN HUNT, Livery, Boarding and Exchange Stables, North Front Street, Kingston, N. Y.—The establishment located on North Front Street and occupied by Mr. John Hunt is a public benefit and is worthy of prominent and favorable mention; first, because a good team may be hired here at moderate expense; second, because horses may be put to board here in the full assurance that they will have comfortable quarters, good food and careful and skilful attention; and third, because horses may be bought here without paying double their true value, which is more than can be said of some "sale stables" which could be mentioned. Now it is obvious that such an enterprise as this, managed as this is, is a great accommodation to the public, and we are very glad to be able to say that the public appreciate this fact and show their appreciation by liberally patronizing the establishment in question. Mr. Hunt is a native of this town, and established his present business in 1891. He employs only competent assistants, but makes it a point to give careful personal attention to affairs, thus ensuring prompt, courteous and dependable service. Teams will be furnished at very short notice and at prices that are really exceptionally low, considering the nature of the accommodations provided. Mr. Hunt, in addition to this present business, runs a hotel and boarding-house at No. 117 North Front Street. This gentleman is also a dealer in and manufacturer of rustic work—summer-houses, seats, etc. made to order at short notice and at reasonable prices.

F. GALLAGHER, Stoves, Heaters and Ranges, Nos. 10-12 North Front Street, Kingston, N. Y.—The establishment conducted by Mr. F. Gallagher is of the greatest convenience and importance to a place like Kingston, and is sure to be largely patronized, for Mr. Gallagher handles the best goods, and those most likely to be in active and immediate demand in such a community, and puts his prices at such attractive figures that it is worth while to trade with him. He is very well known in this vicinity, and now carries on a large business which is principally retail and jobbing. The premises occupied at Nos. 10 and 12 North Front Street are 1000 square feet in dimensions. The stock handled comprises a large and complete assortment of stoves, heaters, and ranges, also tinware of all descriptions. Mr. Gallagher enjoys the most favorable relations with manufacturers of these goods, and his patrons are sure to find at his establishment goods that will prove exactly as represented. Repairing of all kinds in the above-named goods will be neatly, durably and promptly done, and to the entire satisfaction of all parties concerned, regarding both the workmanship and the prices charged for the same. We would therefore advise all interested readers to call and examine Mr. Gallagher's goods and prices.

W. J. ANDERSON, Horseshoeing, Foxhall Avenue, Kingston, N. Y.—Every owner of a horse should acquaint himself with a good place at which to have horseshoeing done; the necessity for such work is apt to occur at any time, and it is well to know where square treatment and durable workmanship are to be found. Among those paying special attention to horseshoeing, mention should be made of the establishment now conducted by Mr. W. J. Anderson, on Foxhall Avenue, Kingston, N. Y. This business was founded by Mr. Anderson, in 1888. He is a native of Albany, and has one of the best-equipped shops in Kingston, and turns out work that is sure to please the most critical, for it is done in the best manner and warranted to give satisfaction. Skilled assistants are constantly employed and jobs can be done at a remarkably short notice when circumstances require haste. While paying due attention to the work done, Mr. Anderson recognizes the fact that strength is also a most important consideration, and his work is noted for its durability as well as for its other good qualities. His charges are very moderate and Mr. Anderson endeavors to so treat his patrons as to make them permanent customers, guaranteeing fair dealing, durable work and polite treatment.



THOMAS J. CUSACK, Practical Plumber, Steam and Gasfitter, Sanitary Work a Specialty, Agent for the Florida Steam Heating Boiler, Estimates Furnished on Application, All Work Warranted, No. 25 Fair Street, Kingston, N. Y.—No man who has had an experience with defective steam, gas, water or drain pipes wants to have it repeated, for such things are always annoying and in many cases are dangerous. So deadly an agent as illuminating gas cannot be too carefully confined, and although steam is comparatively harmless as far as danger to life is concerned, still it may seriously damage valuable property and should be kept where it belongs. Therefore piping of all kinds should be carefully done by competent hands, and as not all those who profess to be skilled in this line really are so we take pleasure in calling the reader's attention to Mr. Thomas J. Cusack, doing business at No. 25 Fair Street, for we know that this gentleman is an expert in this branch of business and may be fully depended upon to satisfactorily carry out any operation which he may undertake. Mr. Cusack is a native of New York. The enterprise under his charge was started by him in 1882, and has for some time been an assured success, as the public are quick to perceive the advantages of dealing with his house and have consequently given it liberal patronage. Mr. Cusack is a practical plumber, steam and gasfitter, sanitary work a specialty. Estimates will be furnished on application, while all work done is warranted. Employment is given six competent assistants and all orders are attended to promptly.

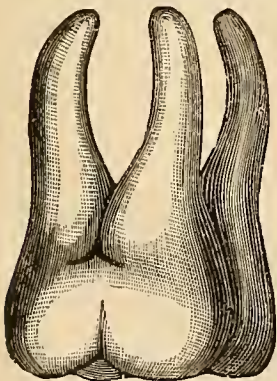
COOPER & HARDENBURGH, Manufacturing Chemists, Opera House Building, No. 26 John Street.—A representative city establishment in its important branch of professional industry is that of Messrs. Cooper & Hardenburgh, druggists, at No. 26 John Street, next door to postoffice. The store is very desirably located in the Opera House Building, and the apartment, 30 x 72 feet in size, is fitted up in an elegant and appropriate style, and constitutes an attractive feature of this popular thoroughfare. In the large show-windows, and by means of various elegant and convenient interior devices, is displayed a full and complete stock of drugs, chemicals, proprietary medicines, toilet and fancy articles, etc., etc. The prescription department is supplied with all requisites for compounding physicians' prescriptions, etc., and the establishment, as a whole, is an apt type of the modern first-class family drugstore. In the month of October, 1889, the firm, under the personal supervision of Mr. Cooper as a practical chemist, manufactured the first bottle of Cooper's Marvelous Phrosteen, the wonder cure for softening and whitening the skin and for all skin irritations, and with the marvelous and increased satisfactory sales of the same the firm felt warranted, in the fall of 1890, in bringing out Cooper's Floral Dentinise tubes and the sale was increased in 18 months five-fold and they are shipping dentine to every State in the Union, and are now known by the trade as Cooper & Hardenburgh specialties of Kingston, N. Y. Messrs. Wm. M. Cooper and M. J. Hardenburgh are natives of Ulster County. Mr. Cooper is a practical and skilful pharmacist, and both gentlemen are possessed of exceptional business acumen and ability.

J. R. STYLES, Steam Cigar Box Manufactory, No. 28 Furnace Street, Between Center and Liberty, Kingston, N. Y.—The old question, "What becomes of all the pins?" is no more difficult to answer than would be the question, "What becomes of all the cigar boxes?" for countless thousands of the latter are manufactured every year and they can be used but once, for, as most of us know, the boxes bear a label cautioning every person "not to use this box for tobacco again," under the penalties of the law. Cigar box factories, naturally, are most common in localities where cigar-making is largely carried on, and as cigar making is an important Kingston industry it is not surprising that the cigar box factory, conducted by Mr. J. R. Styles, at No. 28 Furnace Street, between Centre and Liberty Streets, should have large capacity and should be very extensively patronized. Mr. Styles is prepared to fill even the largest orders at comparatively short notice, and to quote bottom prices on goods of standard quality, for cigar box making nowadays is largely a matter of machinery, and the mechanical equipment of his factory is so efficient and elaborate that he has no difficulty in meeting all honorable competition. The machinery is of the most improved type and is driven by steam-power, and with the aid of half a dozen experienced assistants Mr. Styles can "rush through" big orders at a speed that is astonishing to those not previously familiar with the development of cigar box making of late years. He deals in brands, labels, etc., edgings, ribbons, nails, etc., and private brands are made a specialty. Bottom prices are quoted in every department of the business and those having occasion to use anything in Mr. Styles' line would do well to communicate with him before placing orders elsewhere.

THE WASHINGTON LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY. New York, John A. Gaul, General Agent, No. 80 Fair Street, Kingston, N. Y.—Mr. John A. Gaul established an agency of the Washington Life Insurance Company in Kingston in 1888. Mr. Gaul is well and favorably known in business and social circles of this section of the State. He is thoroughly well posted concerning life insurance matters in general and the methods and resources of the new and popular survivorship dividends of this company, and is ready to give dependable information and valuable advice to all who may consult with him regarding the form of policy best adapted to individual cases, representing as he does a company which has carried on business since 1860, having \$12,000,000 assets, and has won a most enviable reputation for prompt payment of losses, absolute reliability, progressive methods and careful consideration of the interests of policy holders. He is assured of his ability to offer unsurpassed inducements to those seeking insurance and is happy to afford inquirers every possible facility to become conversant with the standing and the resources of the company for which he acts. Mr. Gaul's office is located at No. 80 Fair Street, Kingston, and callers are assured prompt and courteous attention. The Washington Life Insurance Company has its home office at No. 21 Cortlandt Street, New York City, and is under the management of the following named officers: Board of Directors, W. A. Brewer, Jr., president; Wm. Haxtun, vice-president; George N. Lawrence, No. 172 Pearl Street; Levi P. Morton, Morton, Bliss & Co.; Abiel A. Low, No. 31 Burling Slip; Merritt Trimble, president Bank for Savings, N. Y.; George A. Robbins, late G. S. Robbins & Son; Thomas Hope, New York; James Thomson, Foster & Thomson; Wilson G. Hunt, No. 329 Broadway; Chas. H. Ludington, No. 157 Broadway; Robert Bowne, No. 124 Pearl Street; Francis Speir, No. 135 Duane Street; Frederic R. Coudert, Condert Bros.; George Newbold, New York; Benjamin Haxtun, New York; Edwin H. Mead, president Pennsylvania Coal Co.; Henry F. Hitch, No. 112 Front Street; Charles P. Britton, New York; Francis G. Adams, Cossackie, N. Y.; B. W. McCready, M. D., No. 43 East 23d Street; David Thomson, No. 52 Wall Street; Harold A. Sanderson, Wilson Line of Steamers.

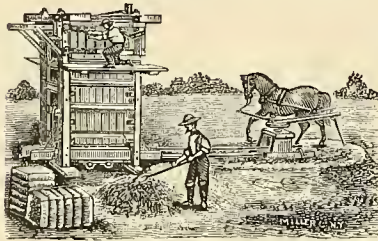
PETER MEASTER, Contractor and Builder, Estimates Furnished on Application, Jobbing Promptly Attended to, Henry Street, Kingston, N. Y.—The gentleman whose card we print above is a native of Kingston and is one of the best-known men in the building trade, he being not only a prominent contractor and builder but also being largely engaged in the raising and moving of buildings of all sizes and kinds and in the doing of general jobbing work. Mr. Measter is also very generally and favorably known in social and general business circles, and during the years 1886 and 1887 he was connected with the City Council. His shop is located on Henry Street and comprises two floors, each 28 x 34 feet in dimensions. Employment is given to from six to twelve assistants, and all orders, large and small, are filled at short notice, in the most careful and thorough manner and at reasonable rates; every description of jobbing being given especially prompt and painstaking attention. Having all necessary mechanical facilities, and long and varied experience in the work, Mr. Measter is in a position to undertake the most difficult jobs of raising and moving buildings under a guarantee of satisfaction, and to execute such commissions at moderate rates. Estimates on any work in his line will be furnished on application; mail communications being assured prompt attention.

B. MCBRIDE, Manufacturing Confectioner and Dealer in Ice-cream, No. 596 Union Avenue, No. 5 O'Neil Street, Kingston, N. Y.—Although many very estimable persons have decided objections to the use of confectionery and argue that it is unhealthful and is ruinous to the teeth, it is difficult to see on what they found their arguments, for modern science has demonstrated that candy is rather healthful than otherwise and that it does not injure the teeth nearly so much as hot tea and coffee, ice water, and other things which are used by the very persons who object to the use of confectionery. Of course, we refer to pure and carefully made candy, and Kingston people need have no trouble in getting candy of just that kind, for Mr. B. McBride, who does business at No. 596 Union Avenue, and No. 5 O'Neil Street, is a manufacturing confectioner who sells at both wholesale and retail, and his candies are not only pure and carefully made but they are made from selected material, flavored with first-class extracts, etc., and guaranteed absolutely free from all injurious substances. A large and attractive variety of them is constantly carried in stock and bottom prices are quoted to both wholesale and retail buyers. Mr. McBride also deals extensively in ice-cream during "the season" and can supply cream of all flavors and of uniformly excellent quality, in quantities to suit at the lowest market rates.



DR. HILL, Albany Dentist, No. 24 Wall Street, Kingston, N. Y.—It would be absurd to say that any dentist, no matter how skilful and careful, or how perfectly supplied with the latest improved appliances, can practise his profession without inflicting the least pain upon his patients, but that some are more successful in this respect than others is a fact so obvious as to be known to all. For instance, it is well understood in Kingston and vicinity that Dr. Hill and his assistants are the most gentle and successful operators to be found in this section, and it is also understood that this gentleness by no means interferes with the thoroughness with which their work is done, for on the contrary, by thus gaining the confidence of his patient, he is enabled to accomplish results which would otherwise be impossible. He is enabled, however, by the use of the most potent of agents, "Vitalized Air," to entirely obviate the most painful of all operations, that of extracting the teeth. By its use they are able to extract any number without pain, also without any detrimental effects whatever to the patients. Young or old can take it with impunity; specially adapted to nervous and weakly people. It is one of the places where they thoroughly understand its administration and have the needed experience, can extract a larger number of teeth in given time than at the majority of offices, likewise a place where plates are made the same day. Dr. Hill is at the head of his profession, having practised for many years, and is also the manager here of the Albany Dental Association. His office is large and conveniently fitted up, the comfort of patrons having been given great consideration. It is located on the second floor of No. 24 Wall Street, occupying the whole flat, one of the finest in the city. The facilities at hand are such that dentistry, in all its branches, can be successfully carried on in accordance with the most approved methods, and these facilities, by lessening the labor involved in doing a given piece of work, enables Dr. Hill to make his charges very reasonable—a fact which is fully appreciated by the public. Lady in attendance.

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Manufacturing is largely carried on in Kingston, and as a whole the goods produced here will compare favorably with any of a similar kind produced elsewhere; but it is safe to say that not one of the various local productions has given or continues to give better satisfaction in its special line than does the Hendricks patent lever portable baling press, for baling hay, straw, cotton, wool, husks, rags, paper, manure, etc., for this press is a marvel of efficiency, strength, simplicity, durability and cheapness, and it never fails to give the very best of satisfaction when used in accordance with directions. It is manufactured under patents of March 11 and August 19, 1884, and July 1, 1890, by Mr. D. B. Hendricks, the inventor and patentee, and is made in four sizes, varying in price from \$140 to \$250, subject to ten per cent. discount for cash. These presses have many distinctive advantages sure to be appreciated by every practical man; perhaps the most notable of them all being a form of construction which enables the bands to be passed entirely around the baled material and hooked with closed doors, while the final "squeeze" is being given, thus making a better shaped and finished bale and saving time and work. These presses have gone into extensive use, more than fifty being used in Ulster County alone, and orders being shipped to as distant points as "way down East" in Maine, but the manufacturing facilities are large and orders can generally be filled at very short notice. The factory is located at Cornell Street, Ten Broeck Avenue and West Shore R. R., and presses are loaded aboard cars on the West Shore Railroad free of cost. They are composed entirely of the best hardwood, thoroughly secured by iron and steel rods and forgings, very few castings being used. Every press is made under the personal supervision of the inventor, and is guaranteed to do all that it is claimed for it if properly used. This gentleman has conducted this business for the past twelve years.

STEPHEN SHADER, Harness and Collar-maker, No. 42 North Front Street, Kingston, N. Y.—

We venture to assert that there are few horsemen in Kingston and vicinity who are unacquainted with the establishment conducted by Mr. Stephen Shader at No. 42 North Front Street, for this gentleman is a manufacturer of harness and collars. He has carried on his present business since 1867, and his productions have long been accepted as the standard by those familiar with them and competent to appreciate honest stock and skilful and conscientious workmanship. Mr. Shader is widely known personally in the business circles of Kingston and vicinity. His establishment contains a handsome and varied stock, which bears evidence of carefully selected material and first-class workmanship in every detail. Employment is afforded to efficient assistants, and callers are sure of receiving prompt and polite attention; while custom work and repairing will be done at the shortest possible notice and at prices as low as is consistent with the use of suitable material and the employment of skilled labor.

MISS E. S. WALL, dealer in and manufacturer of Fashionable Millinery, Making a Specialty of Fine Trimmed Hats, Latest Designs, Lowest Prices. No. 61 N. Front Street, Kingston, N. Y.—This store is conceded to be one of the most tasty and attractive establishments of its kind in this vicinity. The goods displayed are always fashionable, seasonable and most desirable. A steady and increasing business is done by the popular manager, who has conducted this business since 1889. The most sanguine expectations have been realized, as the public were quick to appreciate the many inducements offered, and have given evidence of the fact by their liberal patronage. Miss E. S. Wall is a dealer in and manufacturer of fashionable millinery and millinery goods, which are exhibited in many styles, and those who are interested in the latest fashionable novelties should not fail to inspect the stock, as it contains many of the newest productions in this line. Miss Wall makes a specialty of fine trimmed hats of the latest designs and at the lowest prices. The store, which is located at No. 61 North Front Street, is one flat, 25 x 25 feet in dimensions, and employment is given to two capable assistants, the number varying with the demands of the season. Miss Wall is a native of New York, and has attained a reputation for exceptional taste in the selection of the goods dealt in that is as high as it is deserved, and all orders have been filled in a manner that has given satisfaction to all concerned. The prices charged will compare favorably with any similar establishment in town.

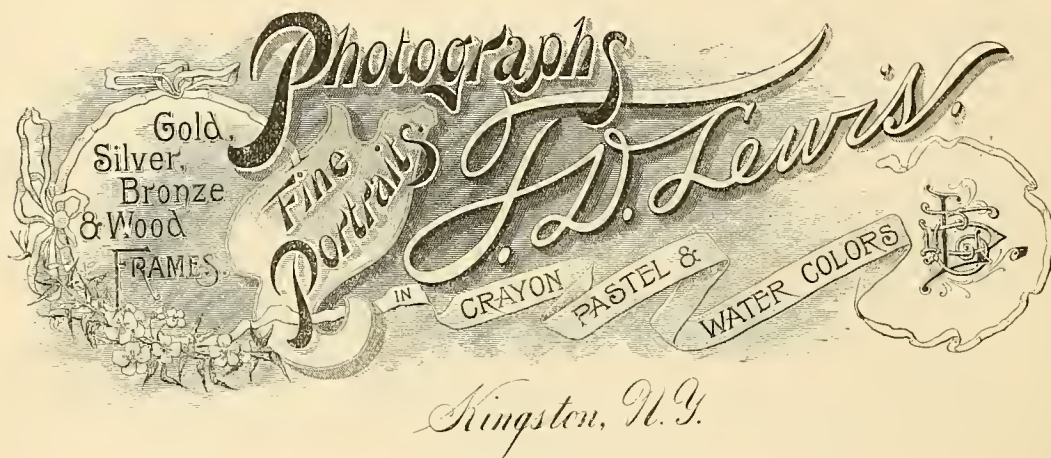
BERNSTEIN'S EMPORIUM OF FASHION, Merchant Tailor and Dealer in Ready-made Clothing and Gents' Furnishing Goods, Corner Wall and North Front Streets, Kingston, N. Y.—The money put into a thoroughly and skilfully made custom suit or garment is very well invested, for people must have clothes and there is much to be gained by dressing neatly, tastefully and fashionably. "The apparel oft proclaims the man," and other persons' judgment of us as well as our own judgment of them depends largely upon the character of the clothes worn, so that all business men who appreciate the advantage of making a favorable impression should also appreciate the importance of wearing well-made and perfect fitting garments. It is not necessary to pay a fancy price in order to obtain such, and if any of our readers doubt this fact we would most certainly advise them to visit Bernstein's Emporium of Fashions, located corner Wall and North Front Streets, and conducted by Mr. Isaac Bernstein, for he is a merchant tailor of long and varied experience, and has a well-earned reputation for producing thoroughly satisfactory garments at satisfactory prices. Mr. Bernstein is a native of Germany but has lived in this country for many years, having founded his present business in 1849. His premises comprise three floors, 30 x 55 feet in dimensions, and contain a beautiful, extensive and tastefully chosen stock of foreign and domestic fabrics for gentlemen's wear, and a full line of all kinds of gents' furnishing goods. Suits or single garments will be made up in accordance with the very latest styles, while Mr. Bernstein is very reasonable in his prices.

NELSON H. SOUSER, dealer in All Kinds of Fish, Oysters, Clams, Lobsters, Game, Etc., Fruits and Vegetables in Their Season, Corner Fair and Main Streets, Opposite County Clerk's Office, Kingston, N. Y.—It has been well said by one who has made the subject a life study, that the sea, barren and sterile as it appears, was nevertheless capable of producing more food to the acre than any species of soil however fertile. The great value of fish, oysters, etc., as a cheap and eminently nutritious food, has been known for many years, but by analysis, experimenting, etc., the peculiar properties of the various articles of food used by man, have been ascertained, and fish have become more firmly established than ever in popular favor. Fish to be good must be fresh, and the best way of assuring one's self that it is supplied in that condition is to deal only with responsible and reliable establishments, such a one, for instance, as that of Mr. Nelson H. Souser, whose market is located on the corner of Fair and Main Streets, opposite county clerk's office, where may be found a large, varied and complete stock of all kinds of fish, oysters, clams, and lobsters, game, etc., fruits and vegetables in their season. This was first started in 1880, by the present proprietor, who is a native of Ulster County, and who has succeeded in making this store well known for the freshness and good quality of the stock which may always be found here. The premises occupied comprise one store, 30 x 40 feet in dimensions, and as Mr. Souser employs two competent assistants and personally superintends all the work, the service is prompt and all orders are filled with dispatch and at short notice.



EDWARD WINTER, Books, Stationery, Music, Etc., Nos. 28 and 30 John Street, Kingston, N. Y.—The residents of Kingston have good reason to congratulate themselves on the existence of the enterprise carried on by Mr. Edward Winter, for the simple reason that the ability and energy shown in its management enable them to save money, time and trouble whenever they have occasion to purchase anything in the line of pianos, organs, books and stationery. This undertaking was founded in 1860, by the present proprietor, and has been under his management ever since. He is a native of Orange County and very widely known in this section. His growing business in musical instruments has caused a demand for more room and he has now added another store, making a beautiful piano warehouse, showing all the new styles of standard pianos and organs. The premises occupied are at Nos. 28 and 30 John Street, and contain a large and varied assortment of pianos and organs, books, stationery, sheet music, musical merchandise and stationery of all kinds, etc., etc. There are competent and polite assistants employed in the store and callers may depend upon receiving immediate and polite attention at all times. Goods are sold at the lowest market prices and are in every instance guaranteed to prove precisely as represented in every respect. Mr. Winter giving his close personal attention to the many details of his large and increasing business and spares no pains to please every customer.

CHARLES V. DUBOIS & CO., Insurance and Real Estate Agents, No. 46 Fair Street, Kingston, N. Y.—There are many arguments which may be presented in favor of placing insurance through a local agent, and that they are convincing as well as numerous, is shown by the fact that all but a very small proportion of the total amount of insurance effected is so placed. One of the chief advantages is this: it is easy to ascertain whether a local agent is honorable and reliable or not, and having found out that he is strictly reliable, you may safely infer that he will furnish you with insurance of the most dependable type, for reliable men do not represent unreliable companies. The magnitude of the insurance business done by Messrs. Charles V. DuBois & Co., of which Louis A. DuBois is a member, is therefore due, to a certain extent, to their high personal standing in the community, but its development has been greatly aided by the excellent record this firm have made for placing large and small lines of insurance in the leading companies of both Europe and America on the most favorable terms. Messrs. DuBois & Co. are devoted to the interests of their clients, sparing no pains to bring about the equitable adjustment and prompt payment of losses, giving reasonable notification of the necessity of renewals, and in short, providing a service complete and satisfactory in every respect. They carry on a real estate business also, and are in a position to render valuable assistance to those wishing to buy, sell, exchange, lease or rent dwelling-houses, stores, village lands, farming lands, and, in fact, real estate of any kind. Messrs. DuBois & Co.'s office is located at No. 46 Fair Street, and full information concerning insurance or real estate matters will cheerfully be given on application in person or by mail.



Kingston, N. Y.

MRS. CHAS. STEPHAN, Confectionery and Fruits, Union Avenue, Kingston, N. Y.—People have a natural desire to know what they are eating, and therefore a man is entirely excusable for seeking to satisfy himself that whatever enters his mouth is pure and unadulterated. Especially is this true in the case of confectionery, for in the manufacture of this article adulteration has been freely charged, and in some instances proved; and although the wild stories current regarding the introduction of poisonous materials into some candies are entirely imaginary, and not founded upon facts, still when a man pays for sugar he wants sugar, and neither “terra alba” nor any other substance however harmless. We are happy to be in a position to call attention to the enterprise conducted by Mrs. Chas. Stephan which was established by her in 1889. She advertises choice confectionery, and fresh fruits, and as she has been located here for the past three years and her trade is steadily growing, no better proof of the purity and freshness of the goods she supplies can be desired. The premises occupied by Mrs. Stephan are located on Union Avenue, and the assistants employed serve the numerous patrons in a prompt and satisfactory manner.

SPENCER'S BUSINESS COLLEGE, and School of Shorthand and Typewriting: No. 35 John Street, Kingston, N. Y.—It is but rarely that we have occasion to mention an enterprise that seems to us to be of such vital importance as is such an institution as Spencer's Business College, and when we do, we can but regret the small space which the imperative necessity of keeping this book within reasonable bounds limits us to. We use the term “vital importance” with a full realization of its meaning, for in the course of a somewhat extended and varied experience in all parts of this country with business men and business methods, we have come to have an appreciation of the priceless value the training given the conscientious student in so exceptionally well-equipped and managed an institution is to him. The business colleges of New York State are doing highly useful work, and not one is making a better record in this respect than the institution already mentioned. We have no space to present a detailed description of the college, of the plan of instruction, the hours, the terms, etc., but catalogues giving full information may be obtained free of expense by calling at the office, in the Ulster County National Bank building, corner of John and Wall Streets, or by addressing the principal, Mr. B. H. Spencer, Spencer's Business College, Kingston, N. Y. This institution was established in June, 1890, and to say that it has been a success from the start is to state the fact as mildly as possible, for the work of the college has elicited the strongest commendations from students, the public and the press, and more than all from leading business corporations and firms, for they have shown their approval in the strongest possible manner—by employing the graduates of the college in important, responsible and lucrative positions. A thorough and above all a practical training is given in all business operations—in banking, in shorthand, in typewriting, and in penmanship—and there is no doubt whatever, that the time and money invested in a course at this college will, if backed by a fair degree of ability and industry, pay tremendous dividends in increase of earning capacity. Day and evening sessions are held and at the present writing there are 115 students, made up of an almost equal number of both sexes, attending the institution.

GEO. SWART, Wagon, Carriage and Sleigh Blacksmith, No. 42 Washington Avenue, Kingston, N. Y.—It is sometimes very important to know where to find a good blacksmith, for breakdowns or other accidents are apt to happen to anybody, and much trouble and delay may be avoided by going at once to the right place. In calling attention to the establishment carried on by Mr. Geo. Swart, we feel that we are doing our readers a real service, for his facilities are of the most improved description, and his work cannot fail to give satisfaction. Mr. Swart started in business for himself recently; he has, however, had twenty years' experience in blacksmithing in Kingston, which is his native place. The shop is located at No. 42 Washington Avenue, and is fitted up in a way that enables him to fill orders at short notice, the tools and fixtures, etc. being of the best and most approved kinds, and kept in first-class condition. Blacksmith work on wagons, carriages and sleighs is carried on, and the work turned out here will be found as durable as it is neat and strong. The premises are 50 x 100 feet in size. One competent assistant is employed. Mr. Swart gives close personal attention to every detail of his business, all orders being executed in an intelligent and skilful manner, while the prices charged are as low as can reasonably be expected on first-class work.

D. O. TICHENOR, dealer in Groceries and Provisions, also Patent Drugs and Medicines, Perfumery and Fancy Goods, No. 322 Union Avenue, Kingston, N. Y.—Although it is doubtless true that “smart” methods of doing business may be successful for a time, even if they are employed at the expense of reliability, still it is undeniable that permanent success is to be gained but in one way—the “old-fashioned” methods, of giving full value for money received. The fact is well worthy of consideration by young men who contemplate going into business for themselves, and if they want a prominent example practically demonstrating its truth, they can find one in the establishment conducted by Mr. D. O. Tichenor, for it would not be possible to name an enterprise occupying a higher position in the esteem of the residents of Kingston and vicinity. A heavy stock of merchandise is constantly on hand, comprising choice groceries and provisions, also patent drugs and medicines, perfumery, fancy goods, etc., etc., and as employment is given to efficient assistants, prompt attention is assured to every customer. Mr. Tichenor’s long experience and very favorable relations with wholesalers and producers enables him to quote the lowest market rates in every department of his business, and the surety customers have of getting just what they pay for has much to do with the character and extent of the trade enjoyed. Mr. Tichenor has been identified with his present enterprise since 1876. He is a native of Esopus, N. Y., and is universally known throughout Kingston on account of his pronounced business abilities.

HENRY B. LUTHER, Marble and Granite Monuments, Slate and Wood Mantels, Grates and Tiling, Steam-power, Nos. 640, 642 and 644 Union Avenue, Kingston, N. Y.—Although there is as much enterprise displayed in the monumental business as in any other legitimate branch of trade, there are some manufacturers who are (from a business point of view) as “dead” as if they had one of their own monuments erected over them: for they make no effort to let the public know the advantages they may have to offer, and then growl because business is quiet, and perhaps envy what they are pleased to call the “good luck” of men, who, like Mr. Henry B. Luther, advertise intelligently and hence get a fair share of whatever trade there may be to divide. Mr. Luther was born in this State and is one of the oldest manufacturers of marble and granite monuments and cemetery work in general in New York, he having founded his present business in 1850. He has long enjoyed the reputation of turning out artistic and highly finished work at the lowest market rates; of giving patrons opportunity to choose from the very latest designs; of taking equal pains with elaborate and simple patterns, large and small commissions; and of filling orders at very short notice. His establishment is located at Nos. 640, 642 and 644 Union Avenue, and is equipped with the most improved machinery, driven by steam-power. Besides making marble and granite monuments of all descriptions, Mr. Luther deals largely in slate and wood mantels, grates and tiling, and will cheerfully furnish estimates on any work of that kind on application; mail communications being promptly responded to. This gentleman makes a specialty of slate and wood mantels—grates entire.

J. N. DRESSSEL, dealer in Groceries, Confectionery, Cigars, Etc., No. 432 Union Avenue, Near “Armory,” Kingston, N. Y.—The motto “There is always room at the top” receives a striking exemplification in the success attained by Mr. J. N. Dressel, since he began his present business in Kingston, in 1890, for although the field was well occupied before, the magnitude of the trade he has already built up proves that there was a favorable opening for an enterprise managed with skill and liberality. Mr. Dressel is a native of this town and, of course, very well known. He deals extensively in groceries, confectionery, tobacco and cigars, fruits, etc., and carries quite a large stock—as large, in fact, as the capacity of his present quarters will admit. The store occupied is located at No. 432 Union Avenue, near the “Armory,” 15 x 20 feet in size. Mr. Dressel only handles reliable goods, while he quotes bottom prices and spares no pains to assure prompt and polite attention to every caller; and under these circumstances it is not to be wondered at that he finds no trouble in easily meeting all honorable competition and in constantly increasing his trade, a success which is thoroughly well deserved, as he spares no pains to satisfy every customer. Only reliable assistants are employed and entire confidence may be placed in Mr. Dressel and his methods at all times. A specialty is made of first-class ice-cream, and oysters in their season.

F. W. DIEHL, JR., Sporting Goods, also Full Line of Tobacco, Confectionery and Stationery, and Fruit, Corner Union Avenue and Elmendorf Street, Kingston, N. Y.—Those who are interested in sport, and especially delight in hunting and fishing, will be glad to have their attention called to a store where a stock of the celebrated Robert rifles is kept, together with a full supply of jointed fish-rods and fishing-tackle, from the best makers, also where they can take their pick of as fine an assortment of walking sticks as is to be found in the city and find a large line of variety goods without looking further. Such an establishment is that carried on by Mr. F. W. Diehl, Jr., doing business at the corner of Union Avenue and Elmendorf Street, where he occupies a store, 13 x 25 feet in dimensions and carries a complete stock of confectionery and fruits, cigars and tobacco, stationery, etc. The goods are always fresh and tempting, the assortment being renewed at very short intervals. Mr. Diehl’s prices are all right, too, and it is natural, therefore, that he should have built up a very large trade since beginning operations in 1890. He is a native of this town and is one of the best known of our local business men.

J. J. DECKER, Merchant Tailor, No. 38 Wall Street, Kingston, N. Y.—To many people a suit of clothes is a suit of clothes, and that is all there is to it; they apparently believe that if a certain quantity of material is used, it makes no difference how it is put together, so long as it takes the shape of a suit, and hence are easily imposed upon by such dealers as are disposed to work off their goods more by their appearance when new, than by their real merits. It may be taken as an axiom that the five dollars spent for superior workmanship and trimmings are invested to better advantage than any other portion of the purchase money, and those who will accept and act on this hint will find their reward in improved appearance and superior durability of their wearing apparel. To assure the best of material put together in the most skillful manner, an establishment of repute must be patronized, and none better can be chosen than that conducted by Mr. J. J. Decker, whose store is located on the second floor of No. 38 Wall Street. This undertaking had its inception in 1882, and has been steadily prosecuted since that date with constantly increasing success. Mr. Decker is a native of Ulster County, N. Y. This gentleman has that thorough understanding of his business so essential to the highest success. A heavy stock is carried of foreign and domestic cloths and first-class clothing is cut and made to order, a perfect fit and good workmanship being guaranteed. A specialty is made of repairing, cleaning, scouring and pressing, and also of putting on mourning bands.

MRS. M. SYMONDS. Confectionery, Fruit, Tobacco, Cigars, Etc., Corner Tremper Avenue and Prince Street, Kingston, N. Y.—Generally speaking, every penny paid out for fruit is well invested, for no one article of food is more healthful, and fresh ripe fruit used in reasonable moderation will save many a doctor's bill, as well as a good deal of discomfort and even positive suffering. But it is of the first importance that the fruit should be sound and ripe, and, therefore, some discrimination should be exercised in its purchase; for dealers who do not give special attention to the handling of fruit are apt to keep what they do handle so long that it becomes in some cases totally unfit to eat, although it may not appear so. Mrs. M. Symonds makes a specialty of dealing in confectionery and fruits of all kinds, and her assortment will always be found fresh and desirable. She quotes the lowest market rates, and those wishing anything in the confectionery and fruit line would do well to call at her store, located at the corner of Tremper Avenue and Prince Street, and there make their selections. Mrs. Symonds was born in Connecticut, and founded her present business here at Kingston in 1891. She does not confine herself to the handling of confectionery and fruits, by any means, but also deals in tobacco and cigars of all kinds, a full line of the most popular and reliable brands always being on hand to choose from, and a visit to the store will prove both pleasant and profitable. This lady, buys all of her stock of fruit and confectionery of Mr. William Derrenbacher of Rondout. Ice-cream is to be had in season.

OVERBAUGH & TURNER. Wholesale and Retail Dealers in Lumber and Coal, Sash, Doors and Mouldings, Near West Shore Junction, Orders by Mail Promptly Attended To, Kingston, N. Y.—One of the most enterprising, progressive and reliable of Kingston's mercantile houses, is that of Overbaugh & Turner—this concern carrying on a business established by Mr. D. C. Overbaugh in 1872, and continued by him alone for ten years, when Mr. William H. Turner was admitted to partnership and the existing firm formed. Mr. Overbaugh was born in Ulster County, and has long been prominent here in public and in social life as well as in business circles. Among the offices held by him are those of president of the Kingston Board of Education, school trustee, president of Summit Mountain House Co. for several years, and is still a director, also ex-member of the Board of Aldermen; and Mr. Turner, who is a native of Massachusetts, has also held public office for a long time, he having been almshouse commissioner 15 years. Individually and as a firm both these gentlemen have done much to advance the best interests of this community, and sometimes to the injury of their own private interests. They are wholesale and retail dealers in lumber and coal, sash, doors, moulding and builders' finish; they constantly carrying a very heavy and exceptionally complete stock, and being prepared to fill the most extensive orders at short notice and to quote bottom prices to large and small buyers. They utilize very spacious and well-arranged premises located near West Shore Junction, and all necessary facilities are provided to enable operations to be carried on to the best advantage. Orders by mail are assured prompt attention, and among the leading specialties of the concern are bill timber, pine and spruce shingles, lathis, pickets, rails, pine and spruce flooring, yellow pine ceiling and flooring, white wood columns, bevel siding, novelty siding, etc.,—also, grate, egg, stove, chestnut and pea coals. These gentlemen, in the spring of 1891, sold their coal plant to the Delaware & Hudson Canal Co., and are now their selling agents. A full supply of all sizes of Lackawanna coal is constantly on hand in the sheds formerly used by Overbaugh & Turner, in the same locality, where business has been conducted for the past twenty years.

KINGSTON NATIONAL BANK, Kingston.—The standing of a banking institution is dependent upon so many things and is affected by such a variety of circumstances that it is quite impossible to make it plainly manifest in a few words, especially to those who are unfamiliar with the bank or with the city or town in which it may be located; but a sufficiently accurate idea for all practical purposes of the position of such an institution may be gained by a brief consideration of its past record, its present financial condition, and the standing of those identified with it, and the result of such consideration in connection with the Kingston National Bank is favorable to the highest degree, for this bank has made a most gratifying record, its condition is excellent and its officers and directors include many of the most prominent business men of this section. The latest statement of the bank's condition at hand at the present writing bears date December 2, 1891, and shows a paid-in capital stock of \$150,000, a surplus of \$30,000, undivided profits of \$21,735.26 and aggregate resources of \$525,210.12. The bank has a very extended line of deposits, among the regular depositors being many of the most active, influential and progressive business firms, corporations and individuals of this section, and the institution is a very important factor in the continuance and the development of the prosperity of Kingston and vicinity. The banking-rooms are well arranged and well equipped for the prompt and accurate transaction of business, and affairs are so skillfully systemized as to avoid all unnecessary delays. The officers and directors are as follows: President, R. Bernard; vice-president, Amasa Humphrey; cashier, I. C. Hume; directors, R. Bernard, J. L. DeWitt, Amasa Humphrey, Luke Noone, John Maxwell, Francis Madden, James F. Brower, J. N. Cordts, Channcey Stewart, George S. Coutant.

JARED TRAVERS. dealer in Staple and Fancy Groceries, Canned Goods, Etc., Etc., Corner of Garden Street and Smith Avenue, Kingston, N. Y.—Did amount of space permit, we would deem it a pleasure to describe in detail the large and varied stock of goods carried by Mr. Jared Travers, for it is carefully selected, and deserves special mention in the columns of the "History of Kingston and its Leading Business Men." We must confine ourselves to the statement that it is made up of staple and fancy groceries, canned goods, fine teas, coffees, spices, and patent medicines, and that it is well worthy of the liberal patronage it receives. Our readers would do well to place a trial order with the establishment in question. It is a model store of high merit, and its proprietor, Mr. Travers, is a man known to employ honest business methods; a man who does not misrepresent his goods, and a man whose reputation for integrity is irreproachable. To get an adequate idea of the variety, purity and freshness of the stock carried by Mr. Travers, one must visit the store, for seeing leads to belief. The enterprise was inaugurated in 1872. The business has steadily increased since that date, and success seems to be in store for the proprietor. The store is located at the corner of Garden Street and Smith Avenue, and is admirably adapted for the purposes for which it was intended. Employment is given to thoroughly competent and courteous assistants, and we therefore invite all our readers in this neighborhood to patronize Mr. Travers' store as satisfaction is guaranteed to every patron. This gentleman is agent for the celebrated West's Rheumatic Remedy.

HENRY BUCHHOLTZ, dealer in Choice Beef, Veal, Mutton, Lamb, Etc., No. 571 Union Avenue, Kingston, N. Y.—Considered from some standpoints seven years is a long time, while from others it seems but a brief period after all. But however long or short a time it may seem, the fact remains that few business houses attain so high a position in the estimation of the public in seven years as has that conducted by Mr. Henry Buchholtz. This gentleman is a native of New York State and founded his present enterprise in 1885. He has resorted to no illegitimate or questionable methods to build up his business, but has proceeded from the first on the good old-fashioned principle of giving a dollar's worth for a dollar, and assuring equal and equitable treatment to all. The premises made use of are located at No. 571 Union Avenue, and the stock on hand is made up of choice meats of all kinds, selected especially for family trade, and also contains a large assortment of all goods usually found in such establishments. The prices quoted on the many articles of food handled are as low as can be named by any dealer in this line of trade. Mr. Buchholtz employs sufficient assistance to enable him to assure prompt and courteous attention to every caller, and the accurate filling of every order.

SOLOMON WELLS, manufacturer of Heavy Wagons, Kingston, N. Y.—The making of carriages and wagons has been a prominent Kingston industry for many years, and one of the oldest businesses of this kind carried on in the city is that now conducted by Mr. Solomon Wells, for it was founded more than half a century ago, operations having been begun by Messrs. Wells Brothers, in 1834. The present proprietor is a native of Esopus and assumed sole control of the undertaking in 1886. He utilizes two floors, each 20 x 50 feet in size, and fitted up with all necessary facilities for the building of heavy wagons and for the doing of general wagon repairing. Mr. Wells makes a leading specialty of the manufacture of heavy lumber wagons and is prepared to furnish them at the shortest notice consistent with the faithful and skilful carrying out of every detail of the work of construction. Selected material is used, skilled and careful help employed, and no pains spared to produce vehicles that shall be unsurpassed for strength, durability, convenience of use and lightness of draft. Repairing is also done in first-class style at short notice, and at the lowest rates consistent with the attainment of thoroughly satisfactory results.

KINGSTON TROY STEAM LAUNDRY, the Finest and Best Laundry in the City. Stephen D. Hood, Proprietor, Isaac Hood, Manager, No. 12 Main Street, Two Doors From Eagle Hotel, City of Kingston, N. Y.—No more perfect sign of advanced civilization could be given than that offered by a modern steam laundry, for its presence in a community shows: first, that cleanliness prevails; and second, that the people have learned to avoid one fruitful cause of domestic trouble. There is really no more reason why washing should be done at home than there is why our shoes should be made at home, or any other operation performed that can be more easily and cheaply attended to outside. Some of our readers may take exception to the "cheap" clause in that sentence and say that it is not justified by the facts, but if they will go to the trouble of estimating all the drawbacks consequent upon domestic washing—the extra fuel burned, the time occupied, the space taken up, the risk run, the constant and exasperating trials to strength and patience experienced—we think that they will find on comparison that we are not so far wrong after all—and then the results attained. Look at the work turned out in the ordinary course of business by the Kingston Troy Steam Laundry and see how it compares with the best that can be done at home. Is it not superior? every facility is at hand—skilled labor is employed, constant supervision exercised—is it any wonder that the results are more satisfactory? The enterprise in question was originated in 1889 and since has been under the control of the present proprietor, Mr. Stephen D. Hood, and under the able management of Isaac Hood from the start. This gentleman has had a number of years' experience in one of the best laundries in New York State. They are both natives of New Paltz. Mr. Stephen D. Hood is chief of the police of this town. The laundry is located at No. 12 Main Street and occupies spacious premises, while six experienced and reliable assistants are given employment.

FRANK MERRITT, dealer in all kinds of Fresh and Salt Meats, Corner St. James and Prospect Streets, Kingston, N. Y.—There are quite a number of people in Kingston who buy all their meats of Mr. Frank Merritt, doing business at the corner of St. James and Prospect Streets, and the reasons given for so doing are so sound and well considered that they cannot fail to be of interest to our readers. To begin with, the stock carried is unusually desirable, being made up of the best variety of meats, which are carefully selected for family trade; and then again, the prices quoted are very low, that is to say, when the uniformly reliable quality of the goods handled is considered. The premises occupied are quite spacious, and the assortment on hand is so displayed as to make it easy to choose just what may be desired. Competent and polite assistants are employed, and the business man, on his way to his store or office, or any other caller whose time is of value, is not obliged to wait around from five to fifteen minutes before his wants are attended to. Mr. Merritt began operations in 1886, and has built up his present large retail business by the employment of liberal as well as of enterprising methods, and is prepared to fill all orders without delay at the lowest market rates.

ELTINGE & SCHOONMAKER, Druggists, No. 8 Wall Street, Kingston, N. Y.—There is no kind of business more dependent upon its worth and usefulness than a wholesale and retail pharmacy. We therefore take pleasure in calling the attention of our readers to the establishment now conducted by Messrs. Eltinge & Schoonmaker, at No. 8 Wall Street, Kingston, for here nothing is left to chance, but every department of the business is carefully and intelligently supervised, and the result is a service on which absolute dependence may safely be placed. The establishment under question was originally founded in 1880, by Messrs. Spore & Eltinge, the present firm having been formed in 1891, the individual members of this firm being Mr. J. H. Eltinge and Mr. C. H. Schoonmaker, both being natives of Kingston, and well known throughout this vicinity, where they have built up a thriving business, and certainly deserve the success they have worked so hard to attain. Messrs. Eltinge and Schoonmaker occupy premises comprising three floors and a basement, each 25 x 75 feet in dimensions, and carry a complete stock of drugs, chemicals, etc., as well as a large and varied assortment of crockery, glassware, paints, oils, etc. Prescriptions are compounded at short notice in the most skilful and painstaking manner, and the charges will be found uniformly moderate. Three thoroughly experienced and reliable assistants are constantly employed, and the extensive business transacted is most ably and intelligently handled in all its departments.

W. H. VANGAASBEEK, dealer in Boots and Shoes, Hats and Caps, Gloves and Mittens, No. 47 North Front Street, Kingston, N. Y.—There are probably very few of our readers but what have experienced more or less difficulty in getting footwear to suit them, for it is a well-known fact that boots and shoes are among the hardest of all articles of wearing apparel to select. The most successful dealer is the man who recognizes the diversity of taste among his customers, and acts accordingly. Therefore, after inspecting the stock carried by Mr. W. H. Vangaasbeek, at No. 47 North Front Street, one feels no surprise at the very extensive business carried on, for it is plainly evident that provision is made for supplying widely varying wants. Boots and shoes for business, street and dress wear, are included in the assortment offered, together with a choice selection of hats and caps, gloves and mittens, and by no means the least noticeable characteristic of this establishment is the bottom prices quoted in the various departments. This store was established forty-two years ago by J. B. Vangaasbeek, who was succeeded by the present proprietor in 1885, whose reputation for fair dealing and enterprise is already established. The premises occupied and located at the above address measure 20 x 50 feet. One competent assistant is employed and Mr. Dan. D. Hicks acts as manager of the establishment, and the large retail business transacted is due greatly to his energy and close buying.

LIVINGSTON & VERNOOY, Grocers, Bowery, Corner Furnace Street, Kingston, N. Y.—The business now conducted by Messrs. Livingston & Vernooy was inaugurated in 1883 by the firm of Merriitt & Fuyer, who were succeeded in 1887 by Messrs. Markle & Greene, the present proprietors assuming entire control of the business in 1889. Both these gentlemen are natives of Kingston, and are very well known and highly esteemed citizens. They have built up an extensive retail trade, and it may be safely predicted that if they adhere to their present principle of governing affairs, the present steady and rapid growth of patronage will continue. People like to have a large stock of groceries, etc., to select from, and also like to feel sure that whatever they buy will prove as represented, and both these desires can be gratified by dealing with the firm in question, as many residents of Kingston have already learned. The premises made use of by Messrs. Livingston & Vernooy are located at the corner of Bowery and Furnace Streets, and are some 1000 square feet in dimensions. The stock on hand includes choice, staple and fancy groceries; teas, coffee and spices, all of which are quoted at the lowest market rates. Competent assistants are employed and orders are filled and delivered with a promptness and accuracy pleasant to see. Callers are attended to courteously and quickly, and care is taken to give no one cause for complaint.

JOHN S. KEARNEY & SON, Fine Horseshoeing a Specialty, Special Attention Given to Overreaching and Interfering, No. 110 Wall Street, Opposite Smith's Livery, Kingston, N. Y.—Every owner of horses should acquaint himself with a good place at which to have horseshoeing done. The necessity for such work is apt to occur at any time, and it is well to know where square treatment and durable workmanship are to be found. Among those paying special attention to horseshoeing, mention should be made of the establishment now conducted by Messrs. John S. Kearney & Son, which was started here by them in 1889, both of whom are natives of Kingston. Their shop, which is located at No. 110 Wall Street, 20 x 40 feet in size, is one of the best equipped in this vicinity, and turns out work that is sure to please the most critical, for the work is done in the best manner and warranted to give satisfaction. One skilled assistant is constantly employed and jobs can be done at a remarkably short notice when circumstances require haste. Special attention is given to overreaching and interfering horses. While paying due attention to the appearance of the work done, Messrs. Kearney & Son recognize the fact that strength is also a most important consideration, and their work is noted for its durability as well as for other good qualities. The charges made for work are very moderate, and Messrs. Kearney & Son endeavor to so treat their patrons as to make them permanent customers, guaranteeing fair dealing, durable work and polite treatment. John S. and John H. Kearney compose the members of the present firm.

JAMES MYER, Civil Engineer and Surveyor, Second Floor, Preston Building, No. 80 Fair Street, Kingston, N. Y.—Many attempts have been made to give a comprehensive, complete and yet compact definition of the term "civil engineer," but no great degree of success has been attained, nor is it likely to be, for the duties performed by the competent civil engineer are so many, so varied and so important that the merest summary of them would occupy considerable space, while but few of them can be omitted in justice to the profession, they being almost uniformly important if not indispensable. One of the best known civil engineers and surveyors having offices in this city is Mr. James Myer, who is a native of Kingston and who began the practice of his profession here in 1886. His office is located on the second floor of the Preston Building, No. 80 Fair Street, and communications by mail to that address are assured prompt and careful attention. Mr. Myer does a general civil engineering and surveying business, and those conversant with his work speak in the highest terms of his accuracy, skill and reliability. He is prepared to execute commissions at the shortest notice consistent with the attainment of reliable results, and his charges are uniformly moderate.

JOHN T. BOND, Watchmaker and Jeweler, John Street, Opposite the Postoffice, Kingston, N. Y.—It very seldom pays to buy anything at an establishment that is not thoroughly reliable in every respect, and this is particularly the case where jewelry is concerned, for the opportunities for fraud in the selling of goods coming under this head are too obvious to need demonstration, and such fraud it is practically impossible to detect at the time, or to prove and punish afterwards. The only sensible way to do then, is to patronize a reputable and firmly established concern, and if you desire to find one that is not only strictly reliable, but is enterprising and liberal in its business methods also, the best advice we can offer is to call on Mr. John T. Bond, whose store is located on John Street, opposite the postoffice, and take advantage of the inducements he is prepared to extend to customers. Mr. Bond is a native of England; he began operations in his present line of business here in 1867. The premises utilized are of the dimensions of 12 x 30 feet, and a choice assortment of watches, clocks and jewelry, etc., is carried, and every article is fully warranted to prove just as represented in every respect. Fine repairing in all its branches is done at this establishment at the shortest possible notice. One competent assistant is employed and the prices on all goods handled are at the lowest market rates.

A. CARR & SON, General Furnishing Undertakers and Practical Embalmers, Telephone Connection, No. 29 John Street, Kingston, N. Y.—As long as the present method of disposing of the dead is continued, (and there certainly seems to be no immediate prospect of its being superseded,) the undertaker will hold a prominent and responsible position in the community, and it is gratifying to be able to state that as a general thing those who assume the delicate and onerous duties of this profession are honorable and competent men. In calling attention to the facilities possessed by Messrs. A. Carr & Son, we feel that we are serving our readers, for it is always well to know the address of a thoroughly competent and reliable undertaker and embalmer, and we know of no one in this town who is better entitled to be classed under this head than the gentlemen in question. They opened their present establishment at No. 29 John Street in 1889. The premises utilized comprise one floor, 12 x 25 feet in dimensions, which is very thoroughly fitted up, enabling every order to be promptly filled, while the stock of coffins, caskets and funeral goods is varied and complete, so that all tastes can be suited. Mr. A. Carr and Mr. Harry P. Carr are both natives of this State and well-known and highly esteemed gentlemen.

DR. MEINHARDT, Dentist, No. 46 Wall Street, Opposite Court House, over Silas H. Davis, Kingston, N. Y.—There is many a man, even among those who are neither nervous nor timid, who has a horror of visiting the dentist, and it is those who have never had operations performed upon their teeth who fear such a visit the most, for their idea of what to expect is made up entirely from the humorously exaggerated stories concerning dental operations, which are so common and which are based (so far as they are based upon anything) upon past methods and conditions. They naturally believe that all work upon the teeth is more or less painful and that some operations are simply agonizing. Now such a belief is absolutely unwarranted by the facts. Provided that the dentist be skilful, familiar with the most approved methods, and equipped with improved tools and appliances, he is capable of performing almost every operation incidental to dentistry without causing serious pain or even great inconvenience, and so the only thing to require careful consideration when you discover that your teeth should be treated is the competency of the local dentist. It may truly be said that in no other profession is the average merit more high, at least in this country, which is conceded to have the best dentists in the world, and hence it is with no idea of making invidious comparisons that we call special attention to the service offered by Dr. Meinhardt, whose office is located at No. 46 Wall Street, Kingston, N. Y. It is fitted up with all necessary facilities for the practice of dentistry in all its branches. Dr. Meinhardt pays particular attention to the preservation of the natural teeth, also to children's teeth, and also makes a specialty of extracting teeth with the aid of vitalized air. He has been located in Kingston since 1891, and has already built up a very desirable practice, and his patronage is not confined to residents of Kingston, but is drawn from all the adjacent country. He is very reasonable in his charges and warrants all his work in every respect.

MRS. G. FROHLICK, Hair Goods, Shampooing, Kid Gloves Cleaned, No. 27 John Street, Kingston, N. Y.—It would be decidedly for the advantage of the public were such establishments as that conducted by Mrs. G. Frohlich much more common than is the case, for it is often difficult to have children's hair-cutting done as it should be, and even in shops where the work is well done the surroundings are seldom such as are agreeable to the gentler sex; and of course young children must be accompanied by mother or sister in the great majority of cases. Mrs. Frohlich has had long and varied experience in her present line of business, having been established here since 1880. The premises made use of are located at No. 27 John Street, and comprise one floor 15 x 15 feet in dimensions. They contain a most skilfully chosen stock of hair goods, embracing the latest fashionable novelties, and also contain facilities for shampooing and ladies' hair-dressing and bang cutting, and the doing of hair work of all kinds. Mrs. Frohlich is conceded to be as artistic a hair-dresser as can be found in this section of the country, and the character no less than the extent of her patronage shows that her skill is generally appreciated. Employment is given to only competent assistants, and orders for custom hair work or repairing can be promptly filled in the busiest seasons, close supervision being exercised and no defective work being knowingly allowed to leave the premises. A specialty of cleaning kid gloves is also made at this establishment.

JAMES CUMMINGS, Wholesale Dealer in Bottled Lager and Mineral Waters, Corner Lucas and Washington Avenues, Kingston, N. Y.—Although the price of bottled lager has decreased considerably of late years, this is by no means all gain so far as the purchasing public are concerned, for there has been a decided falling off in quality as well as in price, so that now it is difficult to get really good bottled beer. That is, it is difficult to do so unless you happen to know just where to place your order, and in this connection we take pleasure in calling attention to the goods supplied by Mr. James Cummings, bottler of and wholesale and retail dealer in lager and mineral waters, for the quality of the goods he furnishes is unsurpassed and his prices are low enough to suit the most economically disposed. His bottling works and office are located at the corner of Lucas and Washington Avenues, and every facility is provided to ensure the prompt and accurate filling of orders, the delivery service being frequent and reliable. The premises are connected by telephone (call No. 3), and orders sent in that way, or addressed to postoffice box No. 359, are assured immediate and careful attention.

EDWARD T. STELLE, Boots, Shoes, Hats, Caps, No. 54 Wall Street, Kingston, N. Y.—When buying boots or shoes, the main point is to get a pair that will fit you, and it is worth while to take more pains to do this than one would suppose, for not only is good fitting footwear decidedly more comfortable than that which is too loose or too tight at one point or another, but it is also decidedly more durable, as has been repeatedly proved by actual test. Now, feet vary very considerably in size and proportions, and hence the only way to get something that will really fit is to choose from a stock containing practically all sizes and widths, and if you make your selection from the assortment offered by Mr. Edward T. Stelle, at No. 54 Wall Street, you will have little trouble in getting a satisfactory fit, for this stock is exceptionally complete both as regards sizes and varieties of footwear. The proprietor succeeded to the business established many years ago by Mr. Silas H. Davis. The premises occupied comprise one store, 20 x 70 feet in dimensions. Mr. Stelle spares no pains to keep his assortment of boots, shoes, hats and caps, gloves, canes and umbrellas, complete in every department, making fine goods a specialty, and there is practically nothing in the line of seasonable footwear he is not prepared to furnish. His prices are low as the lowest, and as his goods are in every instance guaranteed to prove as represented, no better place to trade can be found in this town or in the State either. This gentleman makes a specialty of shoes to order and guarantees the fit.

EDWARD B. CODWISE, (Member of American Society of Civil Engineers.) Civil Engineer, John and Wall Streets, Second Floor, Kingston, N. Y.—We are told that "Peace hath her victories no less renowned than war," and certainly the victories won by our American civil engineers on this continent since the close of the Rebellion are in their way fully as gratifying and as important as any victories won by strategy and force of arms during that momentous struggle. To our civil engineers we owe our lines of railway, crossing the continent, climbing mountains, passing over wide and swift-running rivers, tunnelling through vast ramparts of rock and earth, stayed by no obstacles and connecting cities, counties, states, sections and even countries by iron bands of peace and good-will. It is the civil engineer who arranged the irrigating systems which make vast desert tracts "blossom like the rose"; it is he who plans our bridges, who originates the great canals and massive dams which render available our great water-powers, and, in short, there is hardly a field of activity in which his influence is not powerfully felt. In the carrying out of private enterprises and local improvements, as well as in the construction of national works his aid is indispensable, and there is no city of any importance that does not offer a field for the operations of the competent civil engineer; so it goes without saying that the profession is well represented in Kingston, and one of the leading members of it here is Mr. Edward B. Codwise, who has carried on operations in this city since 1878, and whose office is on the second floor of the building corner of Wall and John Streets. Mr. Codwise is a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers and is widely known both in and out of the profession. He has had long and varied experience and has built up a reputation which affords the best possible proof of the thoroughness of his training and the accuracy and carefulness of his methods. This gentleman is city engineer of Kingston.

HAYS & VAN STEENBURGH, Ice-cream Parlor, Bakery and Confectionery, No. 59 Fair Street, Kingston, N. Y.—Many families purchase all their bread, cake and pastry at bakeries, and the proportion of them that do so would be even greater were it not for the short-sighted policy pursued by those bakers who apparently believe in giving customers the smallest possible amount for their money. Nevertheless this is not the fact with Messrs. Hays & Van Steenburgh, successors to H. Keator, for this concern have always put quality before quantity in catering to the public and spare no pains to produce articles that will compare favorably with the best "home-made" productions. The establishment is located at No. 59 Fair Street, is 20 x 40 feet in dimensions, and is equipped with the latest improved facilities, for they do a very large retail trade, and are prepared to fill the heaviest orders. Confectionery is also dealt in and fresh candy every day is to be found here; an ice-cream parlor is attached to the other business, and hotels, stores and private families are supplied at very reasonable prices. Employment is given to several assistants and you are assured prompt and polite attention. Messrs. Geo. W. Hays and John V. Van Steenburgh compose the present firm.

CHARLES McCANN, Tailor, Cloth and Trimmings at Moderate Terms, Special Attention given to Cutting and Fitting Ladies' Coats, No. 113 North Front Street, Kingston, N. Y.—Wonderful improvements have been made in ready-made clothing of late years without a doubt, but to assert that the very best ready-made garments are as desirable as good custom clothing is as absurd as it would be to try to prove that twice two are five, for it is so obvious as not to require demonstration, that garments made to order are sure to fit better, wear better and in short give better satisfaction in every way than those made to fit everybody. That many residents of Kingston and vicinity are convinced of this fact is shown by the liberal patronage accorded Mr. Charles McCann, and we take pleasure in calling attention to his facilities, for we know that he has both the determination and the ability to thoroughly satisfy every reasonable customer. The business with which he is identified was founded in 1864 by himself. He has had long and varied experience in fine custom tailoring. He gives personal attention to orders, and as he employs two assistants he is in a position to execute commissions at short notice, while his charges are uniformly moderate. The premises occupied are located at No. 113 North Front Street, and measure 20 x 50 feet, affording ample room for the carrying of a complete assortment of foreign and domestic fabrics, cloth and trimmings, etc. Special attention is given to cutting and fitting ladies' coats. The leading manufacturers are represented and the goods are guaranteed to prove precisely what they are claimed to be in every respect.

DR. H. M. EDDY, Druggist, No. 234 Union Avenue, Kingston, N. Y.—It is safe to say that no establishment in Kingston is more deserving of hearty and generous patronage than that conducted by Dr. H. M. Eddy at No. 234 Union Avenue, for no establishment is of more genuine utility or more liberally managed. Dr. Eddy is a native of New Jersey, and has carried on his present business since 1888, having an office in his store, where he continues to practise his profession. He is a physician and apothecary and carries a complete stock of pure drugs, medicines and chemicals, obtaining them from the most reliable sources and sparing no pains to handle as high a grade of goods as the market affords. Especial attention is given to the compounding of physicians' prescriptions, every facility being provided to ensure absolute accuracy in the smallest details of the work, and to enable orders to be filled at very short notice. The charges are uniformly moderate, as low, in fact, as is consistent with the use of materials of standard quality. The premises occupied comprise one store, 20 x 80 feet in size, and is said to have the finest fixtures of any drugstore in this town. Two competent and obliging assistants are employed, so that all orders are assured immediate and careful attention.

J. L. VAN AKEN, dealer in Fine Family Groceries, Corner of Union Avenue and St. James Street, Kingston, N. Y.—It may readily be imagined that a very large quantity of groceries is required to supply the demand in this city and vicinity, and as a matter of fact, the grocery business is one of the most extensive of all branches of trade here conducted. Mr. J. L. Van Aken occupies a leading position among our local dealers in these goods, and has been identified with his present establishment since 1875. Mr. Van Aken was born in Kingston, and is too well known here to render extended personal mention necessary. The premises made use of by him are located at the corner of Union Avenue and St. James Street and are 1,500 square feet in dimensions. A very heavy stock is carried, and employment given to only competent assistants, all orders being carefully filled, and customers being assured immediate and painstaking attention. The assortment of goods offered comprises fine family groceries of all kinds, and the prices quoted are at all times in accordance with the lowest market rates. Mr. Van Aken has always made a practice of handling first-class goods only, and the fact that articles coming from his store are sure to prove as represented, has much to do with its widespread popularity.

BLUE (TRADE MARK) **STORE**, Grenville Finger, Manager, dealer in Groceries, Flour, Feed, Hay, Etc., for Cash at the Blue Store, also Jobber in Tobacco and Cigars, Nos. 107 and 109 North Front Street, Kingston, N. Y.—Should a person thoroughly acquainted with the comparative standing of the various business houses of this town be asked to name half a dozen of the leading grocery firms of Kingston he would unquestionably include the Blue Store in the list, for it has long held its present high position and is generally conceded to have few if any rivals in its particular line. The reasons for this favorable judgment are not difficult to learn, for no one can visit this establishment without being impressed by the magnitude and variety of the stock carried, the dependable character of the goods and the low prices quoted on the same, while the prompt and courteous attention extended to every caller is of itself enough to entitle this representative house to particularly favorable mention. The premises made use of comprise one store, 50 x 60 feet in dimensions, and are located at Nos. 107 and 109 North Front Street, the great amount of space available enabling a very heavy and complete stock to be carried and the goods to be displayed to excellent advantage. Choice groceries, flour, feed, hay, etc., tobacco and cigars, are dealt in, and as employment is given to three competent assistants all orders can be accurately filled at short notice; the lowest market prices are quoted, every article being warranted to prove as represented. This enterprise was begun in 1882, by Messrs. Merritt and Finger, they being succeeded by the present manager during the current year.

WM. H. WHITNEY, dealer in Men's, Youths', Boys' and Children's Fine Ready-made Clothing and Gents' Furnishing Goods, No. 38 Wall Street, Kingston, N. Y.—The question of where to purchase clothing to the best advantage is one that appeals to all classes in the community, for the expense of dress forms an important item in the cost of living, and the rapid increase in the number of clothing stores, of late years, complicates the question by giving more latitude of choice; but many residents of Kingston and vicinity have very satisfactorily solved the problem, by making it a rule to patronize the establishment conducted by Mr. Wm. H. Whitney, at No. 38 Wall Street. The reasons for this decision are many and sound, but they may be summed up in very few words—the assurance of receiving full value for every dollar expended. Some houses may assume to do even more than this, to sacrifice goods at less than cost and give their retail patrons even more than wholesale values, but the justice of such claims is, to say the least, doubtful, although Mr. Whitney, in common with all other energetic business houses, may at times find it advisable to dispose of certain goods at or even below actual cost. But the main point is, does this concern ordinarily quote bottom prices on dependable goods? and we have no hesitation in saying that no house in this section has a better record in this respect. The premises utilized are spacious and comprise one floor, 20 x 80 feet in size, and which contain a complete stock of ready-made clothing suitable for men, boys, and children, while a very desirable and varied stock of gents' furnishing goods is constantly carried and a large retail business is done. This enterprise was founded in 1880 by Mr. A. P. Winchel, he being succeeded by the present proprietor in 1883, who is a native of Ulster County.

PITT'S BAZAAR, House Furnishing and Fancy Goods, China, Glass and Silver-plated Ware, Pictures Framed to Order, No. 4 Wall Street, Kingston, N. Y.—“Pitt's Bazaar” is one of Kingston's most popular “institutions,” and well does it deserve its popularity, for it is safe to say that no other store in the country affords an equally comprehensive and efficient service in connection with the sale of house furnishing and fancy goods; china, glass and silver-plated ware, pictures and other art goods; sporting goods and many other articles too numerous to mention. The dictionary tells us that a bazaar is a market, and therefore it is as appropriate a name as could be chosen for this store, for it is certainly a market for the sale of an almost endless variety of goods, and so satisfactory is the service in each department of the business that it would be very difficult to determine in which one, if any, the most attractions were offered. The premises occupied comprise four floors, each 25 x 75 feet in size, and are located at No. 4 Wall Street. An immense stock is constantly carried, and as it is always being renewed it is perennially fresh, attractive and seasonable, and is always sure to repay careful inspection. It includes hardware of all kinds, trunks, travelling and shopping bags of every description; a full line of sporting goods, including guns, rifles, pistols, game-bags, cartridge belts, shooting coats, etc., and an exceptionally complete assortment of house furnishing goods, fine, medium and common tableware, and lamp goods. This is the agency of the famous “Bissell” carpet sweeper and the equally famous “Rochester” lamps, and the sole agency of the “Wheeler & Wilson” sewing machine, endorsed by thousands of users as the best family sewing machine now on the market. The proprietor of the “Bazaar,” Mr. H. H. Pitt, is a native of Oriskany, N. Y., and has carried on his present enterprise about ten years. He is naturally proud of the success it has attained, and if close attention to details, progressive and honorable methods, the handling of a great variety of goods, such as are wanted in every family, and prompt and courteous attention to callers will increase still further the popularity of the bazaar, it is impossible to set a limit to the popularity it may gain. Bottom prices are quoted on all the many goods handled and every article is sold under a guarantee that it will prove just as represented. These gentlemen also handle an extensive stock of bicycles and tricycles in great variety.

J. N. BRENGEL, Photographer, No. 9 Wall Street, Kingston, N. Y.—If improved apparatus and reliable chemicals and unbounded self-confidence were all that is necessary to make a first-class photographer, the country would be full of such, for about every tenth man you see nowadays practises photography for fun or for money, and can talk to you by the hour about “negatives,” and “exposures” and developing, and many other things of which you know little or nothing; but when it comes to putting theories into practice the average photographer, amateur or professional, cannot seem to make a very excellent showing. The fact is long experience and considerable natural ability are absolutely essential to the attainment of thoroughly satisfactory results in photography, and an illustration of this may be had by comparing the work turned out by Mr. J. N. Brengel with that produced by other photographers who might be mentioned, for Mr. Brengel has been in the business for many years and is thoroughly familiar with it in every detail. He is a native of New York, and succeeded to the business founded by Mr. Edward Lewis in 1865. His rooms are located at No. 9 Wall Street, on the third and fourth floors, being very thoroughly fitted up in every way. Photography in all its branches is carried on, orders being filled at short notice and at uniformly moderate rates, while the results attained are such that it is perfectly safe to fully guarantee satisfaction to all who may place orders at this popular studio. This gentleman commanded Company I., 6th New York Cavalry, during the war, and for a time served on the staff of General Sheridan.

STYLES & BRUYN, Blank Books, Wall-paper, Stationers, Engravings, Choice Literature, Artists' Materials, Etchings, Water Colors, Engravings, Picture-frames, Studies, Corner Wall and John Streets, Kingston, N. Y.—The use of inferior, "cheap looking" stationery in social correspondence is one of the most common and yet one of the most inexcusable offences against good taste, and it is really mysterious why people who are careful of even the minor details of dressing and very scrupulous in the use of courteous terms and in the observance of the forms of etiquette, should so often allow themselves to use business stationery for other than business affairs, or should in any other way infringe upon the few and simple rules governing social correspondence. Even the best stationery costs but little, a moderate quantity will last a long time, and there is really no good reason why its use should not be universal among people making any pretensions to refinement. One of the best stores in Ulster County at which to obtain stationery of any kind is the establishment conducted by Messrs. Styles & Bruyn, corner Wall and John Streets, for a large and complete assortment of fashionable, office and school stationery and blank books is constantly carried and the prices run as low as the lowest; choice literature is also largely dealt in, the latest notable publications being carried in stock and any advertised work being obtained at short notice. A most skilfully chosen assortment of etchings, water colors, engravings, photographs, etc., is on hand to choose from, and picture-frames of any size or style will be made to order at short notice. Artists' materials in great variety are offered at the lowest market rates, as are the latest artistic wall-papers and picture mouldings. The proprietors of this representative store are Messrs. C. C. Styles and James V. Bruyn, both of whom are natives of Kingston, and are very generally known throughout the city.

GEO. C. PRESTON & SON, Insurance Agents, No. 8 Fair Street, Kingston, N. Y.—The cost of fire insurance is so trivial in comparison with the advantages derived from it that no man owning insurable property is justified in neglecting to secure such protection, and indeed a merchant carrying no insurance on his stock and fixtures, or a manufacturer carrying on operations without holding policies on his plant and materials is so rare as to be almost unknown. The question to be settled then is not "Shall I insure?" but "How and where shall I insure?" and many of the property owners in Kingston and vicinity have answered this question to the entire satisfaction of all parties concerned by taking out policies through Messrs. Geo. C. Preston & Son, who represent some of the leading fire companies doing business in this State, and are prepared to effect insurance to any desired amount at the lowest market rates, and with a minimum of trouble to those seeking protection. Mr. Geo. C. Preston has been identified with the insurance business for nearly twenty years, during which time he has placed an immense amount of insurance and gained a high reputation for his agency for the prompt adjustment and payment of losses. The following list of companies represented shows the nature of the service offered: Orient, Aetna Fire and Phoenix, of Hartford; Fire Association, of Philadelphia, Pa.; Commercial Union, of London; Albany, of Albany, N. Y.; State Investment Ins. Co., and Firemen's Fund, of California; British America Ins. Co. and Western Ins. Co., of Toronto; Niagara, of New York; Dutchess Co. Mut. Ins. Co., of Poughkeepsie, N. Y.; Rochester-German Ins. Co. of Rochester, N. Y.; Eagle Fire Co., of New York; Agricultural Ins. Co., of Watertown, N. Y.; Fidelity and Casualty Accident Co., of New York.

SMITH BROTHERS, Hack, Livery and Boarding Stable, Clinton Avenue, Kingston, N. Y.—Some livery stables are conducted on such unbusinesslike principles that a man who is accustomed to do business in a business way is sure to be profoundly disgusted whenever he has anything to do with them. When a man wants a team, is willing to use it properly and pay a fair price for the use of it, he is justified in expecting that his application for a turnout at a public stable will receive prompt and careful attention and that if a team is available it will be handed over to him after reasonable precautions have been taken to find out who he is, what he is, and where he proposes to go. But some stable-keepers act as if they were doing their customers a personal favor in giving them a team at all, and seem to consider every caller a horse-thief in disguise. Of course, precautions are necessary and many stable-keepers are imposed upon in spite of them, but risks are run in every line of business, and it is generally a rogue who is best prepared to answer all probable questions. The successful stable proprietor can "size a man up," without learning his entire family history, and one prominent reason for the popularity enjoyed by the establishment conducted by Messrs. Smith Brothers is to be found in their possession of this faculty, and their consequent avoidance of the long string of questions which are as exasperating as they are useless. The three brothers who compose this firm are all natives of Greene County and have carried on their present enterprise since 1887. Their stable is located on Clinton Avenue and contains twenty-eight stalls and some fine horses and carriages for hacking and livery service. Horses are boarded at reasonable rates. The charges for livery service are fair in every instance and we cordially recommend this establishment.

BENJ. F. HALLETT, Cabinet-maker and Upholstering Establishment, Church Cushions, Mattresses, Etc., Made, Center Street, Two Doors from Clinton Avenue, Kingston, N. Y.—"Ready-made" furniture has so largely superseded ordered work, that there are now but few establishments at which orders for first-class cabinet-work can be placed in the full assurance that they will be skilfully and satisfactorily filled at reasonable rates; and one of the few is that conducted by Mr. Benjamin F. Hallett, a native of Scranton, Penn., and a practical cabinet-maker of long experience. He has carried on his present establishment since 1890, when he succeeded Messrs. Chas. Schreiber & Son, who had founded it in 1887. The premises made use of are located on Center Street between St. James and Liberty Streets, two doors from Clinton Avenue, and comprise two floors, each measuring 30 x 50 feet. They are fitted up with all necessary facilities for the manufacture of cabinet-work, the machinery being of the most improved type and being driven by steam-power. A specialty is made of ordered work; and cabinets, mantels, bookcases, sideboards, china cases, etc., will be made to order from special designs at short notice and at reasonable rates, estimates being promptly furnished on application. Upholstering is a prominent feature of the business, and all kinds of furniture repairing and finishing will be done in the most skilful manner, particular attention being paid to antique repairing. Church cushions, mattresses and similar articles will be made to order accurately and promptly, and material, workmanship, etc., are guaranteed to give entire satisfaction. Mr. Hallett employs half a dozen assistants, but gives close attention to every detail of the business and knowingly allows no inferior work to leave the shop.

HERMAN BEERLE, Undertaker and Arterial Embalmer, Upholstering, and General Furniture Repairing, No. 600 Union Avenue, Near Henery Street, Kingston, N. Y.—The reputation of Kingston as an excellent town in which to do business is constantly attracting enterprising business men from other sections, and among the latest arrivals is Mr. Herman Beerle, a native of this town and who was formerly with John Newkirk for four years, and with Stock & Rice for five years, both of whom are well known. Mr. Beerle is an experienced and skilful undertaker and practical arterial embalmer, and is prepared to undertake the entire direction of funerals, furnishing all necessary supplies and making all arrangements if desired. He will promptly respond to any call for personal service, at any time. He deals in undertakers' supplies of all kinds and quotes the lowest market rates on all articles handled. Mr. Beerle also does upholstering in all its branches, being prepared to upholster any article, new or second-hand, from a footrest to a parlor suit. He uses honest materials, faithfully carries out every detail of the work, and hence is in a position to guarantee satisfaction to every customer, especially as he does all that work himself, has small expenses, and divides the saving thus made with patrons. Furniture repairing of all kinds is neatly and well done and at moderate prices. His store and shop are located at No. 600 Union Avenue, near Henery Street, and are 20 x 40 feet in dimensions, and all orders are assured prompt and careful attention.

P. E. TE BOW, dealer in Choice Family Groceries, Paints and Oils, and General Merchandise, Established 1840, No. 81 Clinton Avenue, Kingston, N. Y.—The ability to suit a business enterprise to the particular class of trade it is designed to reach, is an indispensable factor in the attainment of success. Mr. P. E. Te Bow has shown what may be done in this way in a remarkably short time, for he has only been established in his present business since 1888, though it has been carried on a great many years, having been founded in 1840 by Mr. Jacob Burhans, and after several changes came into the possession and under the management of the present proprietor, who is a native of New York City. His methods are business-like and perfectly straightforward, his stock is the best that can be found in the market, and the prices will compare favorably with those of any dealer in this place or the vicinity. The premises utilized and located at No. 81 Clinton Avenue are 25 x 50 feet in dimensions. A strictly retail trade is carried on. All the regular choice family groceries are dealt in besides paints, oils, and general merchandise. This house makes a specialty of keeping a line of fine grade teas and coffees, and imported cheeses of all kinds, besides a variety of other articles too numerous to mention.

J. T. THOMPSON, Stoves, Ranges and Heaters, Galvanized Cornices and Skylights, Tin, Sheet-Iron and Enamelled-ware, Personal Attention Given to General Jobbing, No. 670 Union Avenue, Kingston, N. Y.—The question of whether furnace or stove heat should be used to warm a house is one that has excited a good deal of discussion, and can never be definitely settled, for under some conditions, a furnace will prove more economical and efficient, and under others, stoves will yield the best results. But whichever is chosen, one point should be carefully borne in mind, and that is "get the best." Great improvements have been made of late years in stoves and furnaces, and pains should be taken to patronize a house that handles the most modern patterns. No mistake will be made in placing an order with Mr. J. T. Thompson, for this gentleman has had large experience in this line of trade. He is a native of Rhinebeck. The premises occupied are located at No. 670 Union Avenue and comprise one store, 20 x 60 feet in dimensions, and a well-selected stock of stoves, ranges and heaters, galvanized cornices and skylights, tin, sheet-iron and enamelled-ware is always to be found here, while personal attention is given to all job work, sheet and metal work—hot water heaters a specialty. From two to three assistants are employed and callers are always assured immediate and courteous attention and find one of the best lines of goods in the town. This gentleman also handles the celebrated Dangler vapor stoves—being sole agent in this section of the country.

MME. ROGOW, Hair-dressing Parlor, No. 36 Wall Street, Kingston, N. Y., Branch at Rondout, Kennedy's Row.—The establishment of Madame A. Rogow at No. 36 Wall Street, her rooms being on the second floor, merits more extended description, than the necessity of keeping this book within reasonable limits enables us to give it. Her hair-dressing parlor is one of the most perfectly equipped of its kind in this town comparing favorably in style with any house in New York or Boston. Mme. Rogow cuts ladies' and children's hair in the latest style and makes a specialty of ladies' and gentlemen's fine wigs, bangs and switches, of which she always has a variety on hand and makes to order when desired. Spirit of Quinine hair tonic for cleansing and promoting the growth of the hair is constantly in stock, while the latest improved facilities are provided for the cutting, singeing, and dressing of ladies' and children's hair. A separate room is allotted them where they find comfort and privacy. Mme. Rogow having studied the best authors on "Hair in Health and Disease," and being in receipt of the latest works by the most eminent professors, can safely advise and give such treatment for the preservation and restoration of the hair, as will be for the best advantage of her customers. An adequate force of skilled assistants is employed and callers are assured prompt and careful attention. Mme. Rogow is a native of Pennsylvania and opened her present store here in 1889, and also a branch in Rondout. Her charges are always moderate and her work the best in every respect.

MISS M. A. KEEFE, Millinery Parlors, No. 19 Wall Street, Kingston, N. Y.—The majority of ladies agree that it is as well to be "out of the world as out of the fashion," and those residing in Kingston or vicinity have reason to congratulate themselves on the existence of the establishment conducted by Miss M. A. Keefe, for as long as this continues under its present management there is no reason for being out of the fashion so far as millinery is concerned at least, as here may always be found an assortment comprising the latest novelties in hats, bonnets, trimmings and millinery goods in general. Miss Keefe has carried on her present enterprise since 1874, during which time she has built up an extensive and very desirable patronage and gained an enviable reputation for good taste and business ability. The millinery parlors occupied and located at No. 19 Wall Street, over Messrs. E. Deane & Co., and on the second floor, are 20 x 40 feet in dimensions, and the stock is displayed to excellent advantage. Five competent assistants are employed and courteous attention is assured to all. Orders can be filled at short notice, and all goods dealt in are strictly guaranteed to prove as represented in every respect, and reasonable prices are quoted; while no pains are spared to fully satisfy every customer, and it is by long continued application to her business that Miss Keefe has gained her present high reputation, having been in business here for nearly twenty years.

THE PECKHAM MOTOR TRUCK & WHEEL CO., Sole Manufacturers of Peckham's Patent Non-Oscillating Motor Trucks, Peckham's Patent Interchangeable Motor Wheels, Peckham's Patent Fibrous Steel Motor Axles, General Office, No. 45 Broadway, New York, Works at Kingston, N. Y.—A Kingston industry, which gives every promise of rapid and steady development for years to come, is that carried on by the Peckham Motor Truck & Wheel Company, for this concern are the sole manufacturers of Peckham's patent non-oscillating motor trucks, Peckham's patent interchangeable motor wheels, and Peckham's patent fibrous steel motor axles, all of which are designed expressly for use on the electric railways which are now to be found in all parts of the country, and which are being constructed at a rate unparalleled in the history of railway building. The results attained by the application of electric motors to ordinary car trucks in the pioneer days of electric railroading made it plainly evident that radical changes and additions were essential to the smooth, economical, and safe running of cars in that manner, and the productions of the Peckham Motor Truck & Wheel Company embody the conclusions arrived at after long and thorough experimenting, and possess so many practical advantages that their general adoption by electric railroads is only a question of time; and even now considerable progress has been made in that direction, although they have been on the market but a short time, the company having been formed in 1889. The mechanical construction of these trucks, wheels and axles is as satisfactory as are their designs, for the management recognize the fact that the most valuable invention may be of but little practical use if its advantages are neutralized by the unsatisfactory results attending the use of inferior material and unskilful or careless workmanship; and hence they spare neither trouble nor expense in producing articles that combine strength, durability, and accuracy of fitting and adjustment. Their spacious works in the great building of the N. Y. Standard Scale Co. are equipped with an elaborate plant of improved machinery, and a large force of assistants is employed, so that orders can be filled at short notice. The New York sales office of the company is at No. 45 Broadway, rooms Nos. 139 and 140, where full and detailed information may be obtained. Correspondence is solicited and will be given prompt and careful attention. Among those most prominently identified with the company are Mr. E. Peckham, president and general manager; Mr. John Hunter, vice-president; Mr. J. H. Burton, secretary; Mr. George W. Lacy, superintendent, and Mr. George P. Boardman, mechanical engineer. All these gentlemen are resident in Kingston with the exception of Mr. Hunter, who resides at Sterling Valley.

W. F. SPENCER, Practical Watchmaker and Jeweller, No. 535 Union Avenue, Kingston, N. Y.—It is hardly an exaggeration to say that everybody carries a watch nowadays and hence everybody is interested in knowing where watchmaking and repairing is done in a skilful and durable manner at moderate rates, and we can supply that information by calling attention to the establishment of Mr. W. F. Spencer, located at No. 535 Union Avenue, for he is a well-known and reliable watchmaker and jeweller, and although he does strictly first-class work, and handles only the best lines of goods, he charges no fancy prices, but on the contrary quotes rates which can hardly fail to prove satisfactory to even the most economically disposed. Watches, clocks, jewelry, etc., are extensively dealt in. We would therefore advise our readers to examine his stock and prices before buying elsewhere. Mr. Spencer, being a practical watchmaker and jeweller, is prepared to do all kinds of watch, clock and jewelry repairing, filling orders at short notice and doing the work strongly and durably, as well as neatly. He is a native of New York State and is well known and highly respected throughout Kingston and vicinity, having opened his establishment in this city in 1886, where he has built up quite an extensive patronage which is still steadily increasing.

ALLEN & COLBURN, dealers in Fish, Fruits and Vegetables, No. 314 Union Avenue, Kingston, N. Y.—The retail establishments of Kingston will compare very favorably as a whole with those of any community in the State, and by no means the least deserving of them is that conducted now by Messrs. Allen & Colburn, at No. 314 Union Avenue, for this is a fully stocked and excellently managed store and has fairly won the high degree of popularity it has attained. The business under consideration was originally established in 1875 by Mr. M. S. Allen, and so continued until 1892, when the present firm of Allen & Colburn was formed. Mr. M. S. Allen is a native of Kingston and Mr. G. Colburn of Windham Centre, N. Y., and both have become well known in their line of business. They pay especial attention to family trade and their stock is chosen especially for the accommodation of this class of customers, being entirely made up of goods that can be confidently guaranteed to prove as represented. It comprises fish, fruits, and vegetables of all kinds, which will be found to be fresh and seasonable at all times. There is a regular market price for really dependable articles of food, and it would be absurd to assert that this firm is in a position to sell lower than anybody else, but it is the simple truth that they quote rates as low as the lowest, quality considered, and the most experienced buyers, after noting their goods and prices, will agree with us that at no market in Kingston will a dollar go farther in the purchase of first-class goods or will patrons receive more prompt and courteous attention.

AMERICAN HOTEL, Ernest Stending, Proprietor, Blue Front Livery, Sale and Exchange Stables, Corner Union Avenue and St. James Street, Kingston, N. Y.—It is unfortunate that everybody cannot keep a team of their own, for carriage driving is as healthful as it is enjoyable, and will often do more to brace a man up, drive away the blues, and make him eat well, sleep well and work well, than all the drugs to be found in the best-stocked pharmacy in the town. The next best thing to owning a team is to have the use of one occasionally, and therefore Mr. Ernest Stending is in one sense of the word a public benefactor, for he has a stable full of desirable teams, and any person may have the use of one of them for a moderate amount of money. Of course he is in the business to make money, but still he is fairly entitled to the thanks of the public, for he furnishes unusually satisfactory turnouts at low rates also, a combination all the more praiseworthy by reason of its rarity. This stable, which is located on Union Avenue, contains seventeen stalls, and an extensive livery and boarding business is carried on, as well as dealing in horses and wagons, harness, etc., etc. Three competent assistants are employed and all orders are assured prompt and careful attention. The proprietor of this popular stable is well known throughout Kingston and ranks among our reliable business men. Mr. Stending makes a specialty of "speedy horses." He is also proprietor of the American Hotel, where guests will find first-class accommodations at a reasonable price.

ROBERT HARRIS & CO.. The Reliable Furnishers, Ready-made Clothing, Boots and Shoes, Rubber Goods, Gents' Furnishing Goods, Hats of the Latest Styles and Best Qualities, Nos. 529 to 533 Union Avenue, Kingston, N. Y.—Such of our readers as live in Kingston, or are acquainted with the standing of the more prominent houses located in this vicinity, need not be told that the firm of Robert Harris & Co. ranks among the leading dealers in men's, youths' and children's furnishings of all kinds. Hence their store here in Kingston may reasonably be expected to be a good place at which to buy clothing and furnishing goods, and if you will visit Messrs. Harris & Co.'s store at Union Avenue, near the West Shore Crossing, you will find your expectations realized, for you will find a very large and selected stock of ready-made clothing and a complete assortment of reliable furnishing goods, also boots, shoes, rubber goods, and hats of the latest styles and of the best quality; you will find that every article is guaranteed to prove as represented, and you will get extra good value for every dollar you pay out. The firm under question was formed in 1891, and is made up of Mr. Robert Harris and Mr. J. Gotlieb, both these gentlemen being natives of Germany, and well known throughout New York State, as in addition to their Kingston establishment they have a branch store at Rosendale, N. Y. They make a great specialty in gents' merchant tailoring, as well as in ladies' tailor-made garments. The finer grades of clothing offered by Messrs. Harris & Co. are as stylish, as well made, as shapely and as durable as any to be found in the country, and the coarser grades are also fashionably cut, are honestly made, and for working and ordinary street wear are good enough for any one, while the prices quoted on them are invariably low and in some cases are barely sufficient to cover the cost of materials. This establishment is maintained at a high standard of efficiency and every caller is assured prompt and polite attention.

GEORGE W. STYLES. Wedding and Commercial Fine Job Printing, Office at No. 28 Furnace Street, Kingston, N. Y.—In placing orders for commercial printing, it is well to remember that the public have learned to discriminate between good and bad work and to judge a house largely by the character of its printing. A cheap looking card, bill head, letter head or circular is sure to make an unfavorable impression, and it is as unwise to send out slovenly looking printing as it would be to put a shabbily dressed agent on the road soliciting trade, and for the same reason—a business house is judged by the appearance of its representatives, and its cards and letter heads as truly represent it as do its travelling salesmen. But don't make the frequently made mistake of assuming that big prices must be paid in order to get first-class work. Good stock, artistic composition, and skilful presswork cost more than poor stock, hap-hazard arrangement and botchy presswork, of course, but there is reason in everything, and the fancy prices demanded by many "artistic" printers are so unreasonable that they should be discouraged by the exercise of careful discrimination in the placing of orders. If you wish to have strictly first-class wedding and commercial job printing done at positively bottom rates, just place the order with Mr. George W. Styles, whose office is at No. 28 Furnace Street, for this is really the cheapest place for good work in the county, and what is more, all orders, large and small, are filled promptly and delivered at the time agreed upon. The latest novelties in wedding and invitation cards, address cards, may be obtained from Mr. Styles, and as he makes a specialty of mail orders, such of our readers as do not reside in Kingston may deal with him to as great advantage as if they lived in the city. He started his present business in 1887 and has built up an extensive patronage which is still steadily increasing.

A. D. SPENCER, Proprietor of Excelsior Bakery, Confectionery, Etc., Lunches Served; Corner Washington Avenue and North Front Street, Kingston, N. Y.—There is no need of pointing out the trouble which may be saved by purchasing supplies of bread, pastry, etc., from a first-class baker, for the majority of our readers have had practical experience of the advantage of pursuing such a course, and so need no argument to convince them. But still there are unquestionably some people who have a prejudice against "bakers' bread," and it must be confessed that there is bakers' bread in the market that is neither palatable nor nutritious—but what does that prove? We have seen "home-made" bread which was better adapted for building material than for eating purposes, but that don't prove that all home-made bread is unfit to eat, any more than the incompetence or carelessness of a few bakers prove that all who are in the business are equally unworthy. We have no hesitation in saying that the productions of Mr. A. D. Spencer, proprietor of the Excelsior Bakery, located at the corner of Washington Avenue and North Front Street, are good enough for the most fastidious person to eat, and to thrive upon, and the magnitude and steady increase of that gentleman's business proves that our opinion is that of many others. Mr. Spencer is a native of Durham, N. Y., and has been identified with the Excelsior Bakery since 1884. Competent assistants are employed, and an extensive retail business is done. Mr. Spencer's prices are low, his productions first-class, and his facilities for the prompt filling of orders are well known throughout Kingston and vicinity.

"THE CLINTON" G. W. Vredenburg, Proprietor, Corner of Fair, North Front and Wall Streets, Kingston, N. Y.—Kingston's new and elegant hotel, "The Clinton," has been described as "a first-class city house offering all the advantages derivable from a first-class country location," and from one point of view at least the description is not inapt, for "The Clinton" certainly is entitled to be classed among first-class city houses as regards the completeness of its appointments, the elegance of its furnishing, the excellence of its cuisine, and the satisfactory nature of the service; while it offers at least one of the advantages derivable from a first-class country location in the shape of a magnificent and entirely unobstructed view of the Catskill Mountains. The hotel is situated at the corner of Fair, North Front and Wall Streets, in the business centre of Kingston, one block from the Fair Street station of the Ulster & Delaware Railroad, while street cars from the West Shore station pass the door. The building is substantial, handsome, spacious and well arranged; is equipped with the most improved apparatus for providing heat, light, ventilation, drainage, etc., and is, in short, a modern hotel edifice, constructed and equipped on hygienic principles, and as healthful, pleasant and comfortable as an eligible location and intelligent utilization of all opportunities can make it. The proprietor, Mr. G. W. Vredenburg, proposes to maintain the Clinton as a strictly first-class house, but he proposes also to quote popular rates, and how well he succeeds in doing so may be judged from the fact that transient guests are accommodated for \$2.00 per day, while special terms are made with permanent boarders. Mr. Vredenburg gives close personal supervision to the many details of the enterprise and spares no pains to thoroughly satisfy every guest.

JAMES SPENCER, Fresh and Salt Meats of all Kinds, also Poultry and Game in their Seasons, No. 61 North Front Street, Kingston, N. Y.—Mr. James Spencer has had considerable experience in his present line of business, and since assuming control of the establishment now conducted by him in 1891, has built up a large retail trade by the simple process of dealing honorably by his customers, and working hard to furnish unsurpassed accommodations. The premises are located at No. 61 North Front Street, and are of the dimensions of 15 x 30 feet. Among the articles dealt in may be mentioned all kinds of fresh and salt meats, also poultry and game in their seasons. Most of us are rather particular about what we eat, and, therefore, it is no wonder that Mr. Spencer's store is steadily gaining in popularity, for the articles there furnished are carefully selected and are bound to prove satisfactory to the most fastidious. Some very choice cuts of meats are always carried in stock, and those who appreciate a tender and well-flavored steak, and have had some difficulty in procuring anything of the kind, will find that they can purchase here with the full assurance that whatever representations are made in regard to meats, etc. dealt in are always warranted by the facts. The prices are uniformly satisfactory, for although Mr. Spencer does not claim to sell "below cost," he does claim to give patrons the worth of their money, and surely no reasonable man should expect more than that.

WILLIAM PRULL, Custom Tailoring, Repairing and Pressing, Corner of John and Wall Streets, Kingston, N. Y.—It is all very well to say "Every one should dress well," but the fact remains that every one does not know how to dress well, for taste in dress is, by no means, a general or even a common gift, and those who have no taste in this direction do not always know where they can get competent or dependable advice. In this connection, we take pleasure in calling attention to the establishment conducted by Mr. William Prull at the corner of John and Wall Streets, Kingston. This gentleman, who is a native of Germany, has been identified with his present enterprise here in this city since 1870. He is a merchant tailor of experience and ability, and as he has both taste and skill in his chosen line of work, those who feel uncertain as to what they should wear, should certainly give him a call, for he will cheerfully give advice when desired, and he is fully prepared to carry that advice into practical effect, and to guarantee satisfaction to his patrons. He carries on a first-class custom tailoring establishment, and also gives special attention to repairing and pressing of garments. Orders can be filled at short notice, and those who wish a stylish, good-fitting and honestly made suit or garment at a moderate price can get just what they desire at this popular establishment.

WHITNEY HOUSE. (Formerly the Delavan House), Mr. Giles Whitney, Proprietor, No. 90 North Front Street, Kingston, N. Y.—It is said there are two things that no man should choose for another—a wife and a hotel—for the only reward one is apt to get for his services is the ill-will of the one for whom he chose, as tastes differ so greatly that a wife or a hotel that would be highly satisfactory to one man may come very far from suiting another. Yet we think we run very little risk in recommending the Whitney House, formerly the Delavan House, to our readers, for this is one of those liberally managed, homelike hotels that everybody likes, and the proprietor, Mr. Giles Whitney, is untiring in his efforts to make his guests feel at home; to lodge them well, feed them well, and treat them well in every respect; and the facilities at his command are such as to enable him to make any one thoroughly comfortable at any season of the year. The house is eligibly located at No. 90 North Front Street, corner Green Street, it being comfortably furnished and well equipped throughout, being heated by steam and lighted by electricity. A sufficiently large force of assistants is employed and the service both at the table and elsewhere is uniformly prompt and satisfactory. Transient and permanent guests are accommodated on very reasonable terms, special rates being made for the latter and for families. Mr. Whitney has carried on the Whitney House since 1891. He is very widely known hereabouts and has also an extensive acquaintance among the travelling public.

DR. E. BARLOW, Dentist, Corner Wall and John Streets, Kingston, N. Y.—We are often told "different people have different tastes," and we have only to use our powers of observation to see numerous examples of the truth of that saying, prominent among them being the diverse ways in which people spend their vacations. Some like to go away off in the woods remote from civilization, and no doubt this course has its advantages, but in case of sickness the results may be serious and even when no permanent injury is to be feared the consequences are disastrous, inasmuch as the anticipated enjoyment is spoiled. Even so slight an ailment as toothache may ruin a whole vacation if a competent dentist be not at hand, for to have enjoyment or even comfort with an aching or keenly sensitive tooth requiring attention is simply impossible. Hence it is wisest to "vacationize" within reach of a good dentist, and those residing permanently or temporarily in Kingston or vicinity have a chance to consult one as good as the best, for Dr. E. Barlow has had long and varied experience in that profession, having practised in Poughkeepsie for fourteen years before coming to Kingston, and is a thoroughly well-informed, skilful and thorough operator, who is gentle in his methods, and has all necessary mechanical facilities to enable him to carry on operations to excellent advantage in every department of dentistry. Dr. Barlow is very moderate in his charges, while his work gives the best of satisfaction; his office is on the corner of Wall and John Streets.

T. H. EDMONSTON, Cigars and Tobacco, No. 610 Union Avenue, Kingston, N. Y.—There are few persons who are not in the cigar business that have any idea of the immense numbers that are consumed in the United States every year, and not the least remarkable thing about the demand for cigars is its rapid and steady increase. In spite of all that is urged against smoking, the habit has become so general that the man who does not smoke is a rare exception, for the sensible man can see that it is the abuse of tobacco which is hurtful, and the enjoyment derived from its proper or moderate use can be obtained in no other way. The finer grades of tobacco are especially harmless, and therefore it is gratifying to know that Mr. T. H. Edmonston, who is a manufacturer of as well as a retail dealer in fine cigars, is meeting with great success in his efforts to introduce a superior article among the trade. He is a native of New Jersey, and started his present business at Kingston, in 1891. He is located at No. 610 Union Avenue. Employment is given to three competent and thoroughly reliable assistants. Both wholesale and retail orders are promptly and accurately filled, and Mr. Edmonston holds a high position among the progressive and reliable business men of Kingston.

HOTEL BRUNSWICK, H. W. Winne, Proprietor, No. 48 Wall Street, Kingston, N. Y.—The Hotel Brunswick holds a high position among hotels which offer home-like accommodations to the travelling public, and indeed it would be difficult to find a house in which patrons are actually given "more for their money," in every sense of the phrase. Of course New York State has many first-class hotels, furnished up in grand style, equipped with "all modern conveniences," etc., etc., but most of us don't care to live in palaces and are perfectly satisfied when we can get a pleasant, well-kept room in a well-managed hotel, where the table is supplied with an abundance of well-cooked and neatly served food. Now this is just what is obtained at the Hotel Brunswick and therefore we take pleasure in recommending this hotel to those who appreciate "solid comfort," and wish to avoid exorbitant prices. The house in question was opened many years ago by Mr. Henry W. Winne, who has a thorough knowledge of the art of hotel-keeping. The house is well furnished and can accommodate quite a number of guests. Competent and courteous assistants are constantly employed and every attention is paid to the wants of the guests, either permanent or transient.

WM. F. KERR, Livery, Boarding, and Hack Stable, Clinton Avenue, Kingston, N. Y.—We have no doubt but what it would surprise the large majority of our readers to learn how heavy a sum of money is expended for horse hire per year in Kingston alone, and yet it is obvious that the amount must be very considerable, for there are many livery stables in the town and the cost of carrying these on must aggregate a very large sum. Generally speaking, the money spent in horse hire is well invested, for it is apt to yield a big dividend of pleasure and health, and it would unquestionably be better for the community as a whole if much more were expended in this direction. One of the oldest-established public stables in this vicinity is that carried on by Mr. Wm. F. Kerr, located on Clinton Avenue, he having started this enterprise in 1875, and has not only maintained but even added to the high reputation so long associated with the undertaking. He is a native of Schoharie County, in this State, and gives close personal attention to the filling of orders, while employing competent and efficient assistants to enable him to execute all commissions at short notice. Mr. Kerr does a livery, boarding and hack business, and makes a specialty of furnishing desirable and safe teams, single and double, at uniformly moderate prices. Horses will be taken to board at a reasonable charge, and at no stable in the town are they more sure of comfortable accommodations and satisfactory food and care.

JAMES HERDMAN, Practical Horseshoer, Tool Work and all kinds of Jobbing attended to; No. 101 Washington Avenue, Kingston, N. Y.—No one in this section has a higher reputation as a horseshoer than Mr. James Herdman, whose shop is located at No. 101 Washington Avenue. He founded his business here in 1869, and is well and favorably known in Kingston and vicinity. He is thoroughly experienced in his business and employs only experienced and reliable men to assist him, consequently he is in a position to give entire satisfaction to all those entrusting their horses to his care. Corns and sand cracks are especially treated and horses stopped from interfering and forging. His shop is 30 x 60 feet in dimensions, and contains all necessary facilities for horseshoeing, etc., and all work of this nature given to Mr. Herdman to do will receive the strictest attention, and as three assistants are given employment, all orders are assured prompt fulfilment, in fact every order, of whatever description will receive Mr. Herdman's personal attention. All work is guaranteed to be first-class in every respect, and uniformly low rates may be counted upon by those favoring him with their trade. Tool work and all kinds of jobbing attended to at short notice.

J. T. RIDER, dealer in Pianos and Organs of the Best Manufacture, Hudson, Poughkeepsie and Kingston, Wm. H. Rider, Manager, Kingston, N. Y.—Common-sense is an excellent guide to follow in all the manifold relations of business and social life, and if more of those who desire to purchase a piano or an organ would but exercise their common-sense they would be saved the annoying and generally expensive mistakes which are now so often made. Common-sense prompts one to buy from a dealer who handles all the leading makes and so is not prejudiced in favor of any one kind; common-sense prompts one to buy from a dealer who does so large a business that a small margin of profit on each instrument will yield him a good income; and common-sense prompts one to buy from a dealer who has a reputation for dealing honestly and liberally with his patrons. Or, in other words, common-sense prompts one to buy from Mr. J. T. Rider, for he "fills the bill," not only in the above particulars but in others too numerous to mention in detail, and those who buy from him are positively sure of getting not only full but exceptional value for every dollar they pay out. The extent of his business may be judged from the fact that the Kingston store is but one of several; there being another in Hudson, N. Y., another in Poughkeepsie, N. Y., and another in Albany, N. Y. The one in Kingston is located at No. 32 Wall Street, and is under the direct management of Mr. W. H. Rider, who is thoroughly well informed concerning pianos and organs and is a very agreeable gentleman to do business with. You will serve your own interests by giving him a call if you contemplate buying a piano or organ, or if calling is inconvenient a communication by mail may be sent in the full assurance of its receiving prompt and careful attention.

GEO. M. BRINK, Cigars, Tobacco and Pipes, No. 43 Fair Street, Kingston, N. Y.—Mr. Geo. M. Brink founded his present business in 1874. He has long been known as one of the leading manufacturers and dealers in cigars in this town. He does an extensive business which is both wholesale and retail in character. He manufactures the cigars he handles, his establishment being located at No. 43 Fair Street, and is consequently in a position to know just what he offers to his customers. Great pains are taken to secure uniformity of merit, and smokers speak in the highest terms of the dependable quality of all cigars manufactured by Mr. Brink. The premises occupied comprise one store, 15 x 20 feet in size. A large stock is carried consisting of fine cigars, tobacco, pipes and smokers' articles in general. Three competent and reliable assistants are employed in the different departments, low prices rule, and prompt and polite attention is shown to every customer. Mr. Brink has had over twenty-five years' experience in the cigar business and he feels confident that his goods cannot be excelled in quality and workmanship. His store and factory are at No. 43 Fair Street.

JAS. E. BEST, dealer in Raw Furs, Skins and Ginseng Root, Kingston, N. Y.—It is safe to assert that no more truly representative mercantile enterprise is located in Kingston than that now conducted by Mr. James E. Best, for this has been successfully carried on for more than forty years, and indeed, has held a leading position from the start. The original founder, Mr. R. E. Best, began operations in 1856, and his son, the present proprietor, succeeded him at his death during the current year. Mr. Best is a native of this town and is universally known in this section both in business and social circles. Two floors and a basement 15 x 50 feet in size are occupied and a large wholesale and retail business is done in raw furs, skins and ginseng root; while a large, varied and most skilfully chosen stock is carried, and as the lowest rates are uniformly quoted, and prompt and polite attention is assured to every caller by the employment of competent assistants, it is not to be wondered at that no more popular establishment can be found in this vicinity of its kind. Mr. Best is also the agent for the sale of Merchants' Gargling Oil, which is a wonderful cure for many diseases.

LEVI ROSE, Confectionery, Tobacco, Cigars, Etc., North Front Street, Kingston, N. Y.—Purity is desirable in everything that is to be eaten, and the experiments of men of science have proved this to be particularly the case where confectionery is concerned. Now we by no means agree with those who assert that the bulk of the confectionery in the market is adulterated. On the contrary we are certain that this is far from being the case; but still, undoubtedly, some impure confectionery is sold and the only way to be sure you are not the purchaser is to buy exclusively of reputable firms. Mr. Levi Rose has carried on business on North Front Street since 1880, and his rapidly increasing business is proof positive that he handles only first-class goods. Confectionery and fruits, etc., guaranteed to be pure and fresh, can be obtained at this establishment in small or large quantities as well as tobacco and cigars, toys and notions of all kinds, also watches and jewelry, etc., etc. The premises occupied are of the dimensions of 18 x 45 feet, and courteous and prompt attention to customers is the rule. Mr. Rose is a native of this town and is well known in business circles. His methods are such as to enable him to offer first-class goods in every particular at the lowest market rates.

B. LOUGHRAN, Practical Plumber, Steam and Gas Fitter, Pipe and Fittings for Water, Steam and Gas, Engineer and Mill Supplies, Steam and Hot Water Heating a Specialty, No. 50 Fair Street, Kingston, N. Y.—The plumbing trade of this city is of great extent and importance, and engaged in it are some of the most enterprising business men of Kingston. There are of course, some sources of disease which are beyond the control of man, but the number of these has been proved to be much smaller than was at first supposed, and there is no doubt but that the continued researches of science will reduce it still further in the early future. "Filth diseases," as they are called, are quite preventable, and those who invite them by allowing the drainage of their houses to remain in a bad condition, assume a terrible and inexcusable responsibility. Ignorance is no excuse, for there can be no reason for ignorance on this topic nowadays, and we know of no better or more reliable man to refer our readers to than Mr. B. Loughran, for he is a practical plumber, steam and gas fitter, and the work executed by him will bear the severest criticism, while his prices charged for work done are at the lowest possible figures. Mr. Loughran is a native of Ireland and has long been identified with the plumbing business here in Kingston, having started the enterprise in question in 1872. The premises occupied are located at No. 50 Fair Street, and are 4,500 square feet in dimensions. Employment is given to twelve reliable workmen and a specialty is made of steam and hot water heating. Mr. Loughran is also prepared to furnish all kinds of pipe and fittings for water, steam and gas, also engineer and mill supplies, a large and varied assortment of which is constantly carried in stock.

E. MERRIHEW, Agent, dealer in Groceries, Provisions, Pork and Fish; Flour, Feed, Oats and Hay a Specialty, Nos. 81 and 83 Washington Avenue, Kingston, N. Y.—Among the establishments meriting mention in this book, that conducted by Mr. E. Merrihew should be given a place; for, although this store makes no great pretensions, still it is worthy of the most liberal patronage, for the simple reason that no goods are sold under false pretences, every article being guaranteed to prove just as represented in every respect. Mr. Merrihew is a native of Kingston, and began business in 1875 under the firm-name of Merrihew, Hommel & Dunwoody. In 1882 Mr. Merrihew assumed entire control of the business, since which date he has built up quite a large retail trade, for the public are not slow to appreciate fair dealings and enterprise, and are pretty sure to support any undertaking in the management of which these are combined. The premises occupied are located at Nos. 81 and 83 Washington Avenue, and contain a choice assortment of groceries, provisions, pork, fish, flour, feed, oats, and hay. This gentleman does not claim to sell lower than everybody else, or to be constantly offering goods "below cost." He is content with a small margin of profit, and a dollar will go about as far in his store as at any similar establishment in Kingston. Three competent assistants are employed and all orders are promptly filled, while every caller is sure of polite attention.

ABM. WOOD, manufacturer of Soda Water, Ginger Ale and Birch Beer, Bottler of Yuengling's Celebrated Lager Beer and Champagne Ale, No. 298 Union Avenue, Rondout, N. Y.—If experience proves anything it proves that some beverage besides water has always been in demand and probably always will be, and as this is the case it follows that the best way to serve the cause of temperance is to encourage the manufacture and sale of light drinks—as for instance, soda water, mineral water, ginger ale, birch beer, lager beer, superior ale, etc. Probably no man in this vicinity has done more to encourage the use of such beverages than has Mr. Abraham Wood, for he has manufactured and bottled them for over forty years and has done much to popularize them by furnishing uniformly satisfactory goods at uniformly moderate prices. He is a native of Kingston, and began operations in his present line of business in 1853. He utilizes two spacious floors and a basement at No. 298 Union Avenue, the premises being completely equipped for the manufacture of soda water, ginger ale, birch beer, etc., and the business being so thoroughly systemized that all orders are assured prompt and careful attention. Mr. Wood is a bottler of Yuengling's celebrated lager beer and champagne ale, and of the famous productions of the Genesee Brewing Co., of Rochester, N. Y. All orders should be addressed to him at Rondout postoffice, N. Y., and they will be accurately filled at short notice and at the lowest rates consistent with the superior quality of the goods handled.

DR. J. C. NORTON, Dentist, No. 19 Clinton Avenue, Kingston, N. Y.—This is neither the time nor the place to discuss the causes of defective teeth, but it is generally believed that the unenviable distinction possessed by the Americans, of having the poorest teeth of any nation, is the consequence of a combination of hereditary influences, bad habits of eating, improper selection of food and unpardonable carelessness in caring for the teeth. Of late years there has been a sort of hygienic "revival," which has undoubtedly accomplished great good already and is sure to continue to spread that knowledge of the prime laws of health which is essential to the physical well-being of a community. If Americans have the worst teeth in the world, they have the best dentists, and so true is this and so generally conceded and widely known, that foreigners come here to study dentistry, as we send our sons abroad to finish their education in medicine or in art. Where the standard is so high it is, of course, difficult to gain an exceptional reputation, and yet we believe that Dr. J. C. Norton, of No. 19 Clinton Avenue, fully deserves the reputation he holds for superior skill and gentleness. At all events we know that those who have availed themselves of his services speak in the highest terms of the methods he employs, and certainly they should be in a position to render intelligent and convincing judgment. Dr. Norton is a native of Greenville and began his present business here in 1870. He utilizes a good sized office and has every facility at hand for the practice of dentistry in all its branches in accordance with the most approved methods. All work is fully guaranteed, and the scale of prices is moderate and satisfactory.

LOUIS ELTING & SONS, Retailers of Fine Clothing; Nos. 21 and 23 North Front Street, Kingston, N. Y.—There is a real art in knowing what the people want, and when this knowledge is had and intelligent measures are taken to supply that want, it of course follows that a popular enterprise is built up. No one, to see the amount of business done by Messrs. Louis Elting & Sons, would think that this undertaking had been under their management since 1890 only, though the business was founded by the senior member of the present firm in 1851. The extensive retail trade of fine ready-made clothing now carried on speaks volumes for the tact and ability of the proprietors. This firm is composed of Messrs. Louis, E. and S. Elting, father and sons, the former a native of Germany and the two latter of this town, all of whom are very well known throughout Kingston and vicinity. The store occupied is located at Nos. 21 and 23 North Front Street, being two floors, 50 x 100 feet in dimensions, where a fine assortment of clothing, etc. is offered at very low prices. The firm announce that they have all the varieties of styles and qualities necessary for the comfort and vanity of man or boy, and an inspection of their stock will show that the announcement is no idle boast. It will cost no one a cent to compare Messrs. Elting's goods and prices with those offered at other establishments, and the more generally that course is pursued, the more will their trade be increased, for "prices tell" and there is no dodging the fact that a dollar seems a good deal more money at the establishment in question than it does at stores where "small sales and large profits" appear to be the policy on which business is done. Seven competent salesmen are always on hand to wait upon customers.

GOTTLIEB RUPP, Meat Market, Corner of Smith Avenue and Garden Street, Kingston, N. Y.—The enterprise conducted by Mr. Gottlieb Rupp was inaugurated by him in 1875. Mr. Rupp is a native of Germany and has considerably developed the business since its inception, for from the first he has worked hard and intelligently to improve the service rendered and has built up an enviable reputation for energy and reliability. He deals in fresh, salt and smoked meats, etc., and constantly has on hand a full assortment of beef, veal, pork, mutton, hams, shoulders, poultry, etc., so carefully and skilfully selected that from it all tastes and all purses can be suited. This may seem to be a somewhat extreme statement, but it is fully justified by the facts and can easily be verified if desired. Employment is given to efficient assistants, and all orders, large or small, are assured prompt and painstaking attention. The premises occupied by Mr. Rupp are located at the corner of Smith Avenue and Garden Street, where a large and first-class stock is excellently displayed, and the prices quoted on the various commodities dealt in will bear the most searching examination.

WM. F. THOMPSON, Painter and Decorator, Plain and Fresco Painting, Tinting, Kalsomining, Paper-hanging, Relief Decorating, Artistic Signs, No. 44 1-2 Fair Street, Opposite Opera House, Kingston, N. Y.—One of the most prominent painters and decorators of Kingston is Mr. Wm. F. Thompson, who has been identified with this line of business since 1880. This gentleman makes a specialty of all kinds of plain and fresco painting, tinting, kalsomining, paper-hanging and relief decorating, also artistic sign and show card work of every description, and as he employs only the most reliable help, is able to fill orders promptly, and to guarantee the quality of this work. It is an established fact that painting has become an art during late years, and requires not only originality of conception, but natural talent for its successful prosecution. The premises occupied by Mr. Thompson are located at No. 44 1-2 Fair Street, opposite the Opera House, where all orders for anything in the line of house painting, papering, and decorating, also sign work, will receive prompt and intelligent attention. Only the best stock is used by Mr. Thompson and his work has firmly established him in a large and growing patronage. He employs only reliable men and is prompt in his engagements, and enjoys the full confidence of his customers and the general public.

SAMUEL L. DRAKE, dealer in Books and Stationery, Wall-paper, Window-shades, Picture-frames, Etchings and Engravings, No. 29 Wall Street, Kingston, N. Y.—It would certainly be an unpardonable omission did we fail to make mention of the enterprise carried on by Mr. Sam. L. Drake, at No. 29 Wall Street, for this is a representative house of its kind, and ranks with the most prominent in this section of the town. Operations were begun many years ago by Mr. Chas. Kerr, and after passing into the hands of Mr. William Tolley, the business passed under the management of the present proprietor in 1885. He is a native of Troy. An extensive retail business is done, and books, stationery, wall-papers, window-shades, picture-frames, etchings and engravings, etc., are constantly carried. The premises now utilized comprise one floor, 25 x 100 feet in size, where so large a supply of different articles is carried, it is impossible in a notice so brief as the exigencies of space requires this to be, to make proper detailed mention of the many commodities contained within it, but it may be broadly stated that whatever Mr. Drake offers to his customers, is sure to be reliable and fully worth the price set upon it. The books handled are varied in binding as well as in subject, and not only is a fine assortment of the most popular works carried, but orders will be taken for any desired book, the volume being supplied at the regular market price. Some beautiful patterns are shown in wall-papers and choice designs are offered at low rates.



EVERETT & TREADWELL, dealers in Flour, Grain and Provisions, Union Avenue, Kingston, N. Y.—It is over a score of years since Messrs. Everett & Treadwell began operations as dealers in flour, grain and provisions, the enterprise having been started in 1869, Mr. Treadwell being admitted into partnership in 1873, and it has steadily increased until it has reached very extensive proportions, the firm having always ranked high among the largest houses of the kind in this portion of the State. They carry on two establishments—one at Nos. 114 and 116 North Front Street, and the other on Union Avenue adjacent to the West Shore Railroad. The latter is the principal place of business and comprises a fine brick building, erected in 1891, and containing four floors and a basement of the dimensions of 43 x 75 feet. It is equipped with an engine of 30 and a boiler of 35-horse power, an elevator for handling grain and a mill for grinding corn and feed, together with all other necessary mechanical facilities for the economical carrying on of a great wholesale trade in flour, feed, grain and provisions. A large stock is constantly carried, a leading specialty being superior brands of flour for family use, and the firm are at all times prepared to fill even the heaviest orders at short notice, and to quote prices strictly in accordance with the lowest market rates. The partners are Messrs. J. H. Everett and J. C. Treadwell, the former having served as captain in the 120th Regiment during the war, and the latter is a native of New York City. Both give close attention to the supervision of affairs and maintain the service at a very high standard of efficiency.



FRANK M. NESTELL, Gasfitter, and Dealer in Wrought Iron Pipes, Gas and Kerosene Fixtures, Lamps, Shades and Globes. All Work Warranted. No. 40 Fair Street, Kingston, N. Y.—There are some kinds of work which may be done in a "good enough" fashion without any bad results, but when it comes to gasfitting, it is simply foolish to be satisfied with anything but the best, for inferior work in this line is dangerous, troublesome and expensive, to say nothing of its not answering the purpose for which it was designed. It is easy enough to have first-class piping if you apply to the proper party and certainly no wiser course can be taken than to leave your order with Mr. Frank M. Nestell, at No. 40 Fair Street, for he is a thoroughly competent gasfitter. He has the facilities and the men to enable him to execute all commissions at short notice and in the most approved and satisfactory manner, the best of materials being used. He is uniformly moderate in his charges, and as he gives close personal attention to his business, he is in a position to keep the service to a very high standard of efficiency and to guarantee complete satisfaction to his patrons. The premises, occupied comprise one store 40 x 70 feet in dimensions. Mr. Nestell is a dealer in wrought iron pipes, gas and kerosene fixtures, lamps, shades and globes, etc., etc. Mr. Nestell, who is a native of Newburg, has been the proprietor of this establishment since 1857, having succeeded to the business of Mr. J. R. Southerton, founded by him

in 1861. Mr. Nestell has gained an honorable position among the business circles of this neighborhood.



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KINGSTON, N. Y.

The gentleman whose card we print above is a native of Kingston and is one of the best-known business men in the city, and we may add in the county as well, for his trade extends throughout this section, and his prominence in business affairs has caused him to become favorably known by reputation to many who have never made his acquaintance personally. He began operations a quarter of a century ago, in 1867, and has built up an extensive wholesale and retail trade in such indispensable commodities as sash, blinds, doors and builders' materials (of which he is a large manufacturer), and in all kinds of coal and lumber. The premises utilized by Mr. Palen are located at the corner of St. James and Pine Streets, and are fitted up with wood working machinery of the most efficient type, run by steam-power. A large stock of standard sizes and styles of sash, blinds, etc., is constantly carried and special sizes, etc., can be made to order at very short notice and at reasonable rates. The plant and premises here are very advantageously arranged, and the same may be said of the premises utilized in the coal business, for the dumps are located on Wilbur road, at Wallkill Valley, R. R. bridge, and all handling of coal is avoided, it running from the dumps over sieves directly to the wagons; so that farmers and others who may send teams here for coal are saved both time and work, and as Mr. Palen quotes the lowest prevailing rates on coal of standard quality, it is natural that many large and small buyers should make it a point to place all their orders with him. This gentleman makes a specialty of sash, blinds and doors and house trimmings of every description. A very large stock of all kinds of lumber including hemlock, pine, spruce, hard woods, shingles, lath, etc., is constantly carried.



FERRIS BROS.,

SEEDSMEN

AND

FLORISTS,

No. 70 Albany Ave.,

KINGSTON, N. Y.

Flowers are fast becoming a necessity where they were formerly a luxury. They minister in a peculiar way to the esthetic tendencies of existence, affording a solace to the weary worker as well as added delight to the pleasure seeker. Wondrously delicate in texture and rich in superb color they attract attention so completely to their own beautiful charms that one's thought seldom wanders back to their production under the glass of the greenhouse, where patient care and tireless watching for weeks and months enable the florist to place in the hands of his customers with pardonable pride, the crowning results of his labor. A visit to the florist's "workshop" is always interesting, and a sight of the multitudinous processes employed, as shown from the tiny seedling or cutting, to the matured plant, will give a far better idea of the "magic" which the skilful florist is supposed to command than can be done with pen and ink. One of the most popular greenhouses in this vicinity is conducted by Messrs. Ferris Bros., who by the use of the most improved methods of culture and propagation are able to offer unsurpassed inducements to their customers. They are furthermore noted for their superior taste in the laying out and planting of dooryards, as well as in bouquet and design work. They also make a specialty of high-class seeds and bulbs and annually import large quantities of these articles from the best growers of England, France, Germany and Holland, to supply their extensive mailing trade. Their seed-store and greenhouses are located at No. 70 Albany Avenue, at the head of Union Avenue. This undertaking was begun at Keene Valley in this State, in 1883, and moved to Kingston in 1890. The establishment here is under the direction of Mr. Richard Ferris, the other member of the firm, Mr. James D. Ferris, being located at Chicago.

DEWITT & GILLESPIE, Wholesale and Retail Dealers in Groceries and Provisions, Flour and Feed, Wooden and Willow Ware, Foreign and Domestic Fruits, Etc., No. 12 Wall Street, Kingston, N. Y.—It is a pleasant task to chronicle the continued success of an enterprise inaugurated many years ago, always carried on in accordance with progressive and honorable methods, and steadily increasing in patronage and influence. Such an undertaking is that conducted by Messrs. DeWitt & Gillespie at No. 12 Wall Street, and so thoroughly does it deserve its present prosperity that its high standing is as much of a credit to the community as to the proprietors of the business in question. Mr. Jacob L. DeWitt and Mr. W. Scott Gillespie are both natives of Kingston, and have been associated in their present business since 1872. The premises utilized by them are some 3,000 square feet in dimensions, thus affording ample opportunity for the carrying of a heavy stock of goods, comprising choice groceries, provisions, flour, and feed, as well as wooden and willow ware, also foreign and domestic fruits of all kinds. Employment is given to two experienced and courteous assistants, and despite the magnitude of the business, orders are filled with promptness and accuracy. Messrs. DeWitt & Gillespie do an extensive business both wholesale and retail in character. They quote the lowest prices at all times and spare no pains to maintain the enviable reputation their establishment has gained.

GEORGE LOUIS GAKENHEIMER, dealer in Fresh and Salt Meats of all Kinds, also Poultry and Sausages, No. 88 Washington Avenue, Head of Hurley Avenue, Kingston, N. Y.—Mr. George Louis Gakenheimer claims to carry in stock everything to be found in a first-class market, and a careful inspection of the assortment he offers will prove this claim to be fully justified by the facts, for although the premises utilized comprise one floor, measuring 20 x 40 feet, there is no space wasted, and the stock is as varied as it is large. Fresh and salt meats of all kinds, poultry and sausages, vegetables and fruits, are some of the most important commodities dealt in, and the assortment is so complete that it is safe to say the buyer who cannot be satisfied here cannot be suited anywhere. The proprietor, Mr. Gakenheimer, who is a native of this town, established his present enterprise in 1883, and has rapidly extended his business, for the goods are dependable, the prices low and the service prompt and accurate. The market is conveniently located at No. 88 Washington Avenue, head of Hurley Avenue, and is equipped with every facility and appliance to enable operations to be carried on to the best advantage. Orders will be delivered at short notice and no pains spared to thoroughly satisfy every customer, both as regards the quality of the goods and the prices quoted.

LEWIS J. BRODHEAD, Veterinary Surgeon, No. 95 North Front Street, Kingston, N. Y.—Leaving all considerations of mercy and humanity out of the question, and regarding a horse simply as a machine intended to do certain work, it still remains a fact that every horse owner should secure the services of a competent veterinary surgeon when his animals show signs of sickness. Some of the "horse medicines" on the market are excellent remedies when understandingly used, but they can't cure everything, and if employed injudiciously may easily do permanent harm. It costs comparatively little to obtain expert advice and treatment, and under general circumstances this cost is more than compensated by the quickness of the recovery of an animal so attended as compared with that of one treated unscientifically. Of course, there are incompetent veterinarians as there are incompetent physicians, but it is not difficult to find able and experienced men, and we can unreservedly recommend Dr. Lewis J. Brodhead as one of the most skilful and successful veterinary surgeons in Kingston, having had long and varied experience in his profession. His office is located at No. 95 North Front Street and is so conveniently situated that orders can be sent without delay from any point in the city. If the doctor is not at home call at Cronk's Hotel, Kingston. Dr. Brodhead is prepared to execute all commissions at short notice and at very reasonable rates.

IRA COUTANT, dealer in Fine Groceries, Provisions, Flour, Feed, Etc., West Shore Grocery, Near West Shore Depot, No. 529 Union Avenue, Kingston, N. Y.—In compiling the various industries of Kingston the retail grocery trade assumes a decided importance. Among those who supply fresh and first-class groceries is Mr. Ira Coutant. His establishment, which is popularly known as the "West Shore Grocery," is located at No. 529 Union Avenue near West Shore Depot, and is well stocked and admirably arranged for the extensive business transacted. Reliable clerks are employed, who wait upon the customers in a polite and attentive manner, and all goods are delivered promptly as desired. This is one of the most reliable establishments in its line in Kingston, and the stock carried comprises everything usually to be found in a first-class grocery establishment. In addition to groceries Mr. Coutant deals extensively in provisions, flour, feed, etc., which will be found superior to some quoted at much higher prices at other establishments. Mr. Coutant is a native of Rosindale, N. Y., and is well and favorably known throughout Kingston. The premises occupied afford ample space for the handling of the large and varied stock. Goods are sold in quantities to suit purchasers, and the prices will be found as reasonable as any in Kingston for the same quantity of goods.

CHARLES REYNOLDS, Hardware, Agricultural Implements, Iron and Steel, Corner Wall and North Front Streets, Kingston, N. Y.—Mr. Charles Reynolds has had exclusive control of the extensive hardware store, located at the corner of Wall and North Front Streets, only since the beginning of the current year, (1892) but the business itself is of very long standing, it having been founded as far back as 1857, by Messrs. Sharp & Sahler. Many changes have occurred in ownership, the founders being succeeded by Messrs. Sahler & Vignes, Sahler & Reynolds and Sahler, Reynold & Du Bois; they by Messrs. Crosby, Sahler & Co., and they by Messrs. Sahler, Reynolds & Webster, the immediate predecessors of the present proprietor, who was born in Kingston, has served on the Board of Education, and is extremely well known in business and social circles throughout this portion of the State. Mr. Reynolds deals very largely at wholesale and retail in hardware, agricultural implements, iron and steel, and his stock is sufficiently large and complete to enable all orders to be filled at very short notice. The premises made use of comprise three floors and a basement, each 25 x 75 feet in size, and no available space is wasted, the assortment being constantly kept complete by frequent renewals. Mr. Reynolds is prepared to sell as low as the lowest, and goods furnished by him are sure to prove precisely as represented in every respect.

EAGLE HOTEL, Alonzo E., and James S. Winne, Proprietors, Nos. 22-30 Main Street, Kingston, N. Y.—In our opinion (and it is one that is shared with many who have had exceptional opportunities for ascertaining the facts in the case), the importance of a first-class hotel is very apt to be underestimated—that is to say, its importance as regards the city or town in which it is located, for many seem to take it for granted that the travel to a city is quite independent of the hotel accommodations, whereas the fact is that really first-class hotel facilities are powerful factors in attracting visitors to a community, while inferior facilities are equally influential in keeping visitors away. Therefore it is well worth the while of every business man to encourage in every legitimate way the keeping of a strictly first-class hotel in his city, and the business men of Kingston have reason to congratulate themselves on the existence here of so well-equipped and ably managed a public-house as that carried on by Messrs. Alonzo E. and James S. Winne, and known as the Eagle Hotel. It is centrally and pleasantly located at Nos. 22 to 30 Main Street, horse cars to all points in the vicinity pass within three doors of the building, and nothing is wanting to make it what it is universally conceded to be—the leading hotel of Kingston and one of the most popular houses in the State. The premises are equipped with all modern improvements, the rooms are large, light, well ventilated, well heated and well furnished, the table is excellent and the service is prompt and uniformly reliable, while the terms are very reasonable when compared with those usually quoted in connection with equally satisfactory accommodations.

HUNT BROTHERS, Contractors and Builders, Jobbing and Repairing of all kinds Promptly Attended to, Shop, Corner of Pine and Bowery Streets, Kingston, N. Y.—It is well to know where orders for carpentering in all its branches may be placed in the full assurance that they will be filled skilfully, thoroughly, promptly and at fair prices, for no house owner, merchant or manufacturer knows when he may have occasion to place an order for such work, and it is often highly important that all possible time should be saved in its carrying out. Therefore, we take pleasure in calling attention to the facilities offered by Messrs. Hunt Brothers, whose shop is at the corner of Pine and Bowery Streets, for they are experienced and reliable contractors and builders who make a specialty of jobbing and repairing of all kinds, and are in a position to execute commissions at extremely short notice in cases where haste is important, and at the same time to do the work thoroughly and satisfactorily in every respect. The firm is composed of Messrs. Alonzo Hunt, Lorenzo Hunt and Orlando Hunt—all of whom are natives of Kingston and are widely and favorably known here. They have carried on their present enterprise since 1872. Mail orders are assured prompt attention, and estimates will cheerfully be furnished on application.

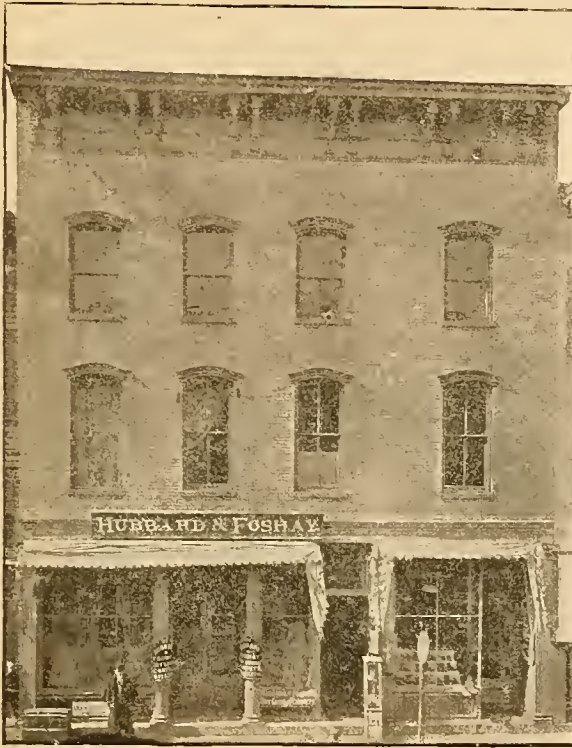
JACOB P. VAN KEUREN, dealer in Fresh and Salt Meats, of all Kinds, Poultry at all Times, No. 40½ Wall Street. Residence, No. 175 Washington Avenue, Kingston, N. Y.—The enterprise conducted by Mr. Jacob P. Van Keuren, and carried on at No. 40½ Wall Street, is worthy of interest and inspection, as there is not a similar establishment in this town, more entirely reliable or more capable of serving the public to the best advantage. Operations were begun here by Mr. Van Keuren in 1889. This gentleman is a native of Rosendale, and is well known and highly esteemed in Kingston. The premises occupied by him in carrying on his business are of the dimensions of 12 x 50 feet, and contain a fine stock of fresh and salt meats of all kinds, also poultry, game and vegetables in their season. Employment is given to two polite assistants and customers may depend upon receiving prompt attention and honorable treatment, for Mr. Van Keuren has always made it a rule to spare no pains to fully satisfy every patron, and to give no reasonable excuse for complaint in any instance. Errors of course are made occasionally, for it would be impossible to carry on so extensive a business without mistakes, but whenever the attention of Mr. Van Keuren is called to anything of the kind the mistake is promptly and cheerfully rectified and care taken to see that the occurrence is not repeated. Only choice articles are offered for sale here, and they may be had at prices that will compare favorably with the lowest market rates. Mr. Van Keuren carried on business for three years before coming here at Higginsville.

G. H. MILLER, dealer in Choice Groceries and Provisions, Fruits, Vegetables, Etc., Commission Salesman, 330 Union Avenue, Kingston, N. Y.—There is a proverb to the effect that the only way to make sure that a thing is properly done is to do it yourself, and although of course such advice is not always practical still there is no doubt that it is founded on sound principles. Those who do business with Mr. G. H. Miller, at 330 Union Avenue, frequently remark upon the promptness, courtesy, intelligence and reliability of the service at that popular store, and the reason why callers are so satisfactorily attended to is simply because the proprietor gives personal attention to every detail of his business, and hence being sure that it will be well done. Mr. Miller has carried on his present enterprise since 1891. Premises measuring 20 x 30 feet are utilized, and a heavy and varied stock is carried. Mr. Miller is a retail dealer and commission salesman of choice groceries, provisions, fruits and vegetables. He quotes the lowest rates on all these commodities, and makes it a point to furnish goods that will give entire satisfaction. He is rapidly increasing his business and fully deserves the success he has attained. He is a native of Kingston and holds a high position among her most progressive and reliable business men.

A. S. HOUGHTALING, Blacksmithing and Wagon Repairing, Hurley Avenue, Kingston, N. Y.—One of the many popular establishments of its kind in Kingston is that conducted by Mr. A. S. Houghtaling, and located on Hurley Avenue, and as many of our readers could doubtless have dealings with this house to the advantage of all parties concerned, we take pleasure in calling attention to some of the advantages to be gained by so doing. The enterprise, to which we have reference, was inaugurated in 1889, and has thus been before the public long enough to prove that it is worthy of every confidence. The premises occupied cover an area of some six hundred square feet, and all necessary tools, machinery and other appliances are at hand to enable orders for anything in the blacksmith and wagon repairing line to be given that prompt and skilful attention to which the patrons of this establishment are accustomed. Special attention is given to blacksmithing, for which the proprietor holds an exceptionally high reputation. The repairs that are made at this establishment are not only neat and handsome in appearance, but they are strong and durable when put to the test of actual wear, a point which those who have had much wagon repairing done will appreciate. The proprietor is very moderate in his charges, and well deserves the popularity he so long has enjoyed. Two skilled and reliable assistants are constantly employed and all orders are promptly executed. Mr. Houghtaling is a native of Kingston, and well known among the enterprising business men of this city.

C. C. KAUFMAN, dealer in Milk and Cream, also manufacturer of Fine Butter and Cheese, Kaufman's Celebrated Ice-cream, Wholesale and Retail, Kingston, N. Y.—In order to attain success in business, and particularly in the creamery business, it is very essential to thoroughly understand the nature of the products in which you deal, and the magnitude of the trade which has been built up by Mr. C. C. Kaufman, since he began operations in 1889, is largely due to his intimate knowledge of all the many details thereof. Mr. Kaufman is a native of Middletown, N. Y. He established his present enterprise in Kingston at the above-named date, and since 1892 has carried it on under the style of the Kaufman Dairy and Ice-cream Company. The premises occupied in Kingston comprise two floors, each 30 x 70 feet in dimensions, and the stock on hand is always sufficiently large and varied to allow of orders being filled without delay. Kaufman's Dairy and Ice-cream Company deal extensively in milk and cream, and also manufacture fine butter, cheese and the celebrated Kaufman ice-cream. In addition to their Kingston store, the company have extensive creameries at Margaretville and Fleischmann's, N. Y. They do a large manufacturing, as well as a wholesale and retail business. Ten competent assistants are constantly employed and customers may depend upon being supplied with goods of standard quality at positively bottom prices, and the amount of trade which this company has already secured, promises great success for the future. A branch has also been established in New York City, at No. 2075 Seventh Avenue. A specialty is made of bottled milk.

FREDERICK J. R. CLARKE, Druggist, No. 28 Wall Street, Kingston, N. Y.—When purchasing goods of any kind it is, of course, well to use some discrimination in the placing of the order, but when buying drugs, either singly or in the form of a prescription, careful discrimination becomes an absolute duty, for it is of the first importance that the articles obtained shall be pure and reasonably fresh, and it is a notorious fact that by no means all the drugs in the market are of this character. Doubtless many of our readers (and certainly, a large proportion of those residing in Kingston and vicinity), have satisfactorily solved the problem of where to get dependable drugs at a fair price, by placing all their orders with Mr. Frederick J. R. Clarke, doing business at No. 28 Wall Street, for not only is he prepared to furnish such commodities of standard quality at reasonable rates, but he shows great enterprise in acquainting the public with the fact, hence his facilities are as well known as they are extensive. Mr. Clarke was born in New York State and has been identified with his present business here in Kingston since 1875. The premises comprise one floor and a basement, each 20 x 80 feet, and contain a large and varied assortment of drugs, medicines, and chemicals, paints and oils, and such other articles as are usually found in a first-class pharmacy. The compounding of prescriptions, is given special attention, absolute accuracy being ensued. The charges are moderate, and every caller is assured immediate as well as courteous attention.



HUBBARD & FOSHAY, dealers in Dry Goods and Carpets, No. 23 Wall Street, Kingston, N. Y.—The word “popular” has been so much used and so much abused of late that it deserves a long holiday, and yet we shall have to make use of it in describing the establishment conducted by Messrs. Hubbard & Foshay, at No. 23 Wall Street, for this is most certainly a “popular” store,—popular as regards the nature of the stock carried; popular as regards the prices quoted, and popular as regards the service rendered, for “red tape” is chiefly conspicuous by its absence here, and customers are served promptly as well as politely and intelligently. The firm is constituted of Messrs. R. C. Hubbard and W. F. Foshay, the former gentleman being a native of Illinois and the latter of Sing Sing. They have been associated in their present enterprise since 1884, and the steady and pronounced increase of the trade from year to year affords the best possible evidence that their methods are acceptable to the purchasing public, and that the advantages they offer are many and genuine. A very heavy and carefully selected stock is constantly carried, it comprising the latest novelties in foreign and domestic dry goods, small wares and fancy goods, and in carpets and other floor coverings in fine and medium grades. Staple styles are also fully represented, and the firm are excellently well prepared to suit all tastes and all purses, especially as they quote positively bottom prices, quality considered, on all the goods they handle.

G. E. ZIPPEL, dealer in Crockery, Glassware, Tinware, also Fancy Goods and Notions, No. 865 Union Avenue, Kingston, N. Y.—The enterprise carried on by Mr. G. E. Zippel was established in 1891, and since that date has been under his able management. The premises occupied are 20 x 35 feet in dimensions, containing a heavy and extremely varied stock of crockery, glass, and tinware, selected with care and taste, from the most reputable manufactories in Europe and this country also. Decorative glass and china ware is now produced at prices within the means of all, and the ornamental character, of such ware has made it a favorite with all cultivated people. The chief objection to the use of decorative ware, the difficulty of replacing one or more pieces accidentally broken, is now to a great extent obviated, for there are certain stock patterns carried by first-class dealers constantly and pieces can be matched for years to come, as easily as white ware. Mr. Zippel is prepared to furnish crockery, glassware, etc., of such patterns, in point of artistic beauty of shape, decoration and lowness of price, that they are impossible to surpass. He also makes a specialty of fancy goods and notions, carrying a full and complete line of these goods. The extensive retail business transacted in the above-named lines of goods requires the services of thoroughly competent assistants. Mr. Zippel is a native of New York City, and is very well known among the enterprising merchants of Kingston, N. Y. The premises occupied by him are located at No. 586 Union Avenue, and contain a stock embracing many attractive novelties, which will be cheerfully shown and prompt and courteous attention given to every caller.

CHAS. D. SMITH, dealer in Newspapers, Periodicals, Stationery, Etc., Fine Grades of Cigars and Tobaccos, No. 526 Union Ave., Near West Shore, Kingston, N. Y.—One of those places which is both profitable and agreeable to visit is that conducted by Mr. Charles D. Smith at 526 Union Avenue. This opinion is doubtless held by hundreds of others besides the writer, for the patronage accorded the enterprise is very generous indeed, and is steadily increasing. The undertaking in question had its inception in 1891, its founder being the present proprietor. The premises made use of are of the dimensions of 40 x 15 feet, and are very attractively fitted up. Mr. Smith is a dealer and jobber in fine grades of cigars and tobacco, and also deals in all the leading daily and weekly newspapers, publications, etc., as well as a fine assortment of both fashionable and commercial stationery. He gives close personal attention to his business and with the assistance of competent clerks, can guarantee prompt and courteous service to every caller. He puts his prices at very reasonable figures, and, as his goods are always first-class, there is no occasion for surprise at the steadily increasing business. Mr. Smith is a native of Kingston, and was in business in New York for five years prior to his opening his present establishment in 1891, and was also in the same line of business in the old established Ulster cigar factory for about twenty years previous to his going to New York City. Parties interested would do well to examine his stock and prices before purchasing elsewhere, as we are convinced that they will be as low in price, and as desirable in quality, as any to be found in Kingston and vicinity.

A. S. & H. S. MYER, General Grocers and dealers in Fine Cigars and Tobacco, No. 618 Union Avenue, Kingston, N. Y.—Many a housekeeper is looking for just such an establishment as that carried on by Messrs. A. S. & H. S. Myer, at No. 618 Union Avenue, and we take pleasure in recommending this enterprise to such inquirers, for we know that Messrs. Myer and Co.'s methods are bound to please, and we know that those who have had business dealings with this concern are outspoken in their approval of the accommodations offered. Operations were begun in 1885, and the trade has since been steadily increasing. Both members of the firm are natives of this town, and have a large circle of friends in this vicinity. The premises utilized are of the dimensions of 20 x 60 feet, and the stock on hand is not only large but unusually varied as well, as it includes choice fancy and staple groceries, cigars and tobacco, etc., etc. It will be seen that the greater part of the household food supply may be obtained of Messrs. Myer & Co., and as their prices are all that can be reasonably desired as regards fairness, etc., it is well worth while giving them a call. The groceries comprise the best the markets afford and the canned goods handled are various in kind and best in quality, while everything handled in stock is received direct from the producers and is quoted at prices as low as the lowest. Two competent assistants are constantly in attendance and all customers are served in a polite and intelligent manner while every order is assured prompt attention.

W. S. FREDENBURGH, Fire Insurance and Real Estate, No. 39 John Street, Kingston, N. Y.—The problem which confronts the property owner in connection with the taking out of policies of insurance is at once simple and complex—simple inasmuch as it is merely a question of getting the largest possible amount of protection at the smallest possible cost, and complex because any considerable amount of insurance must be divided among many companies; and comprehensive facilities are necessary to bring about such division promptly, accurately and with due regard to the interests of all parties concerned. But even from this point of view the problem becomes simple when considered in connection with the facilities controlled by Mr. W. S. Fredenburgh. It is very generally known that he represents the most reliable domestic and foreign companies, that he is prepared to write lines on all desirable risks at equitable rates, that the indemnity offered is unquestionable, and the very largest lines are covered promptly, while the smallest commissions are assured immediate and careful attention—and as these facts are matters of common knowledge, the exceptional popularity of this agency is self-explanatory. Mr. Fredenburgh is also an acknowledged authority on real estate in this section, and is prepared to render valuable assistance to those wishing to buy, sell, exchange or rent such property, for time and trouble, not to say money, may be saved by making use of the facilities he offers. He is also prepared to negotiate mortgages for large and small amounts, his extensive acquaintance among capitalists seeking such investments enabling him to execute commissions promptly and on the most favorable terms.



UNION AVENUE.

DESCRIPTIVE SKETCH OF RONDOUT.



RONDOUT is the port of the city of Kingston, and although it possesses excellent railway facilities, by far the most agreeable way to visit the place is to take one of the swift and elegant steamers for which the Hudson is famous and enjoy a sail along the most picturesque river in eastern America.

Assuming that New York City is the starting-point, and that the traveller wishes to traverse the Hudson by daylight, he will take one of the magnificent "Albany day boats," leaving New York at 8.40 in the morning; or he may take that aquatic wonder the steamer *Mary Powell*, which leaves New York at quarter-past three in the afternoon, and reaches Rondout about half-past eight in the evening.

This is not a guide-book, and doubtless we are going outside our province in presenting these details of Rondout's river facilities, but as this book will have its largest circulation outside of Kingston and as one of its chief aims is to encourage strangers to visit that flourishing city, we wish to tell how to visit it most pleasantly, most economically, and most conveniently.

The "Albany day boats" do not touch at Rondout but at Rhinebeck, or Rhinecliff, on the opposite side of the Hudson, from which Rondout is reached by a steam ferry, and as the river is about a mile wide at this point and as Rondout lies about a mile from the Hudson, on Rondout Creek, the ferry is about two miles in length. The *Mary Powell* not only touches at Rondout but lays there over night as this is the upper terminus of her route. She leaves for New York daily at half-past five in the morning; and such of our readers as are so young and enthusiastic, or are so happily constituted as to be able in spite of the weight of years, to enjoy scenery at that unearthly hour, should by no means miss this trip if they can possibly arrange so as to take it, for at

that early time o'day the romance and beauty of the river and the highlands are intensified wonderfully by clinging mists; the air is pure and cool as mountain spring water and fresh as a young newspaper reporter, and besides, everything has the charm of novelty, for luckily, but comparatively few of we free Americans are obliged to be up as a general thing at "five o'clock in the morning." We have called the *Mary Powell* "an aquatic wonder," and such indeed she is, for away back in the sixties she was running



RONDOUT CREEK, N. Y.

regularly on the Hudson and had the reputation of being the fastest boat on the river, and she has that reputation still, and is to-day as fast, as pretty and as fresh looking as she was in the days when many of the bearded fathers of families who now patronize her were lanky urchins with curls and knickerbockers. But is this the same *Mary Powell* of which New Yorkers boasted in those remote days? Well, it is and it isn't. Of course you have heard the story of the boy's jack-knife? First he broke the blade and had a new one put in; then he broke the handle and had to have a new one put on. What bothered him afterward was to decide whether this was his old knife or a new one. It is much the same with the *Mary Powell*: she has been repaired, renovated, strengthened, and even lengthened, and probably but a very small part of the original boat now remains.

At all events, old or new, she leaves New York at quarter-past three in the afternoon and gets to Rondout at about eight-thirty; while the Albany day boat leaves the same New York wharf at twenty minutes to nine in the morning and gets to Rhinebeck, opposite Rondout and ninety miles from New York, at ten minutes past two.

The first sensation felt by probably every person who has heard that Kingston is a busy and prosperous city and has the largest commerce of any place on the Hudson between New York and Albany, as he looks upon it from the river for the first time, is unquestionably one of disappointment. Not but what the scene is pretty enough, for Kingston has her full share of the beauty characteristic of Hudson River cities and towns, but the observer is not just then looking for beautiful scenery but for populous

streets lined with spacious buildings; for crowded wharves, a throng of shipping; busy factories, imposing church buildings, handsome school edifices, and such other things as one naturally expects to find in a prosperous city, having more than twenty-two thousand inhabitants. He doesn't see these things from the river, not because Kingston does not possess them, but because they are so situated as to be inconspicuous and in most cases invisible from that point of view. True, the gazetteer tells us that Kingston is situated "on the right or west bank of the Hudson," but with all due respect for that most useful work



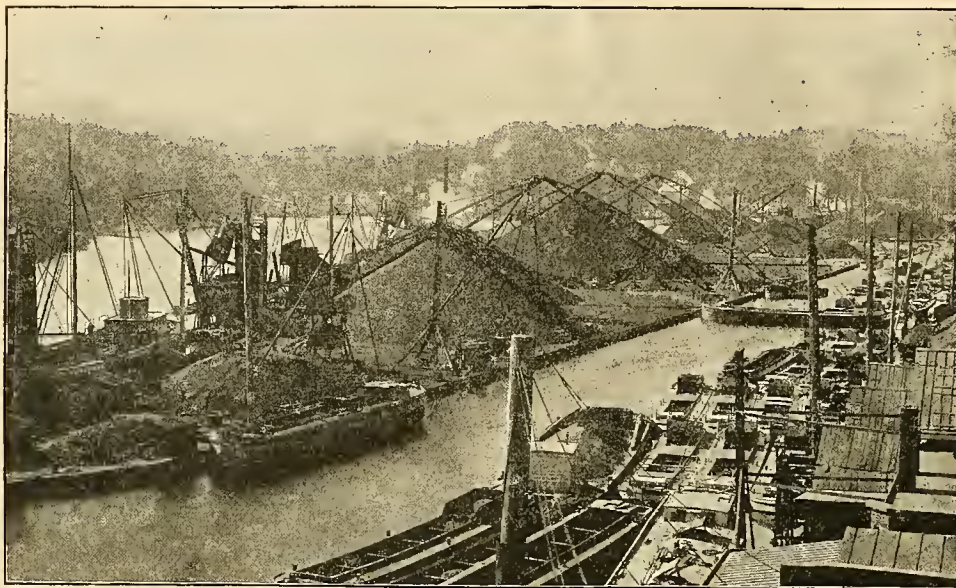
WEST SHORE R. R. TUNNEL AS SEEN FROM BRIDGE, RONDOUT.

we must insist that Kingston is not situated upon the right bank or any other bank of the Hudson,—that is to say, the business and the thickly settled portions of Kingston; for the city proper is made up of three villages, including that of Rondout, one mile from the Hudson, on Rondout Creek; that of Wilbur, a little place nearly two miles from the Hudson, on the same creek; and that of Kingston, which has a population about equal to that of Rondout, and whose centre is about three miles west from the Hudson and about one and a-half miles from the centre of Rondout, from which it may be reached by street railway. The high lands along the south bank of Rondout Creek shut off all view of the city, and it is not until the steamer has reached the mouth of the creek, has turned to the southwest, and has navigated the waters of the creek for about a mile, that the passengers see Rondout before them and see evidences on every side that they were not deceived, when told that this is one of the busiest places on the river.

Even before they came in sight of the great steamers and crowded wharves of Rondout, the observing among them must have surmised that they were approaching an important port, for as the boat turns to run up Rondout Creek she enters between the outward extremities of a system of jetties, extending on either side for many hundred feet up the creek, substantially built of heavy piling, and especially designed to prevent the creek from being filled up by the mud and sand wash from the Hudson, and to aid it in maintaining the depth of its channel by the scouring influence of its flow.

Next to the big steamers to be seen along Rondout's water-front, the most noticeable craft are the canal-boats, for these humble but highly useful vessels may be seen here by the hundred, and the cargo of such as are laden, together with the miniature mountains of black diamonds to be seen on all sides furnish mute but striking evidence that this is a great coal port; it having communication with the Pennsylvania coal regions by means of the Delaware and Hudson Canal, which was completed in 1828,

and is said to follow almost exactly the course of an Indian "trail" to the Delaware River, which was old when the first white men arrived at Rondout, in 1614. The canal has a length of some fifty miles to the point where it touches the Delaware, and extends some forty miles beyond that point to one of the most productive portions of the Pennsylvania coal regions. Its eastern end is about two and a-half miles from the Hudson, up Rondout Creek, and practically all of the shores of the creek just above



COAL DOCKS, RONDOUT.

Rondout village are taken up by the company operating the canal. Great cones of coal, some sixty feet in height and seventy-five feet in diameter at the base, are formed in a wonderfully short time by the simple but effective elevating machinery used to unload the canal-boats, and when occasion requires these cones are made to disappear like snow before a summer sun, for every facility is here provided for the prompt and economical handling of coal in the very largest quantities.

Extensive yards and docks for the repairing of boats in general and canal-boats in particular are a feature of Rondout, and vessel building is quite largely carried on, a specialty being made of the huge flat-boats used for the transportation of all bulky and heavy commodities and particularly of bluestone. "North River bluestone" is famous throughout the country as the best flagging stone as yet discovered, and that manufactured at and shipped from Kingston and Rondout villages is the *creme-de-la-creme* of bluestone, it being everywhere conceded to be the best in the market.

Some of our readers may take exceptions to our use of the word "manufactured" in connection with a natural stone, but our use of it is sanctioned by universal custom and also by common-sense, for the stone is literally "raw material," when taken from the quarries, and it undergoes many processes before being ready for the market. At the great stone works in the city of Kingston huge blocks of bluestone are sawed into slabs by steam machinery; smoothed, shaped, and cut to dimensions if desired, and the quality of the product is such, and local dealers are so well able to meet all honorable competition, that the demand is something enormous; hundreds of thousands of tons being shipped to New York annually.

Cement is also shipped from here in enormous quantities, for Kingston contains the largest cement factories in the country, they turning out no less than a thousand barrels daily. And here again the product is no less remarkable for quality than for quantity, for Kingston cement is not only equal to

the best but is so generally conceded to be the best as to have become the standard by which other cements are judged. Rondout is also a famous shipping-point for brick, lime, ice, and to some extent, for lumber,—it being estimated that the aggregate amount of these commodities shipped from here during an ordinarily favorable year will closely approximate 1,000,000 tons. And when it is stated that country produce and other commodities are also shipped in large quantities from Rondout, and that the Delaware and Hudson Canal Company bring about 1,500,000 tons of coal here yearly, it will readily be



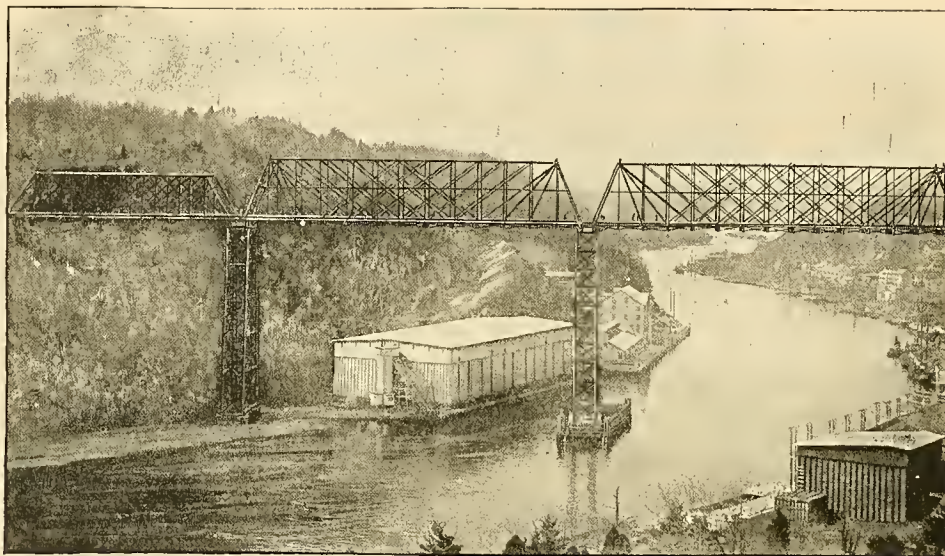
TOBOGGAN SLIDE, RONDOUT.

perceived why so much care is taken to keep Rondout Creek open to navigation, and why this place has the name of enjoying the largest commerce of any city or town on the river, excepting the capital of the State and the metropolis of the country. But if we linger too long about Rondout's waterfront we shall have to neglect some other feature of this thriving section of historic old Kingston, so let us leave the wharves behind us and start out on a general tour of observation along the busy and hilly streets. For the streets of Rondout are hilly, there's no room for doubt on that point, and what the lawyers would call "corroborative evidence of the existence of the fact," is afforded by the use of those unique vehicles irreverently called "bob-tail" cars, and drawn in this village by two and in places by three horses, instead of by the solitary animal that is sufficient in more level regions and is sufficient in this city after the heights have been scaled and the plateau upon which Kingston village stands is reached.

The street railway extends from the Rhinebeck Ferry landing to the centre of Kingston village, a distance of a little more than two miles, and passes through the principal streets of Rondout and of Kingston; going directly by the City Hall, crossing the West Shore R. R., at a point within a few feet of Kingston station, and passing very near the Kingston Court House. So it gives ready access to all important points in Kingston and Rondout and is a great convenience, although not so great a one as it would be if the cars were driven by electricity, as they ought to be and doubtless will be before a great many years. Some assert that the reason the Street Car Company employ no conductors but make their drivers col-

lect the fare is to save weight and not to save money, and there may be something in that, for the grade of Union Avenue (through which the cars pass for more than half of their journey) is so steep for the distance of half a mile or so at its Rondout end that three horses have all they can do to tug a car full of passengers up the ascent.

After "the steep" has been surmounted one horse is sent back to the foot of the hill and the car is drawn by a pair of horses until the stables (which are not quite half way to Kingston village) are



WEST SHORE R. R. BRIDGE, RONDOUT N. Y.

reached, when the two horses are exchanged for one and the car goes more or less speedily onward to the end of the route.

It is said that an apprehensive "drummer," who was travelling for the first time over this line, was so impressed by the gradual but steady diminution of motive power as exemplified by the exchange of three horses for two and of two for one, that he asked the driver how far they went before the last horse was unfastened to the car and the passengers were obliged to get out and push.

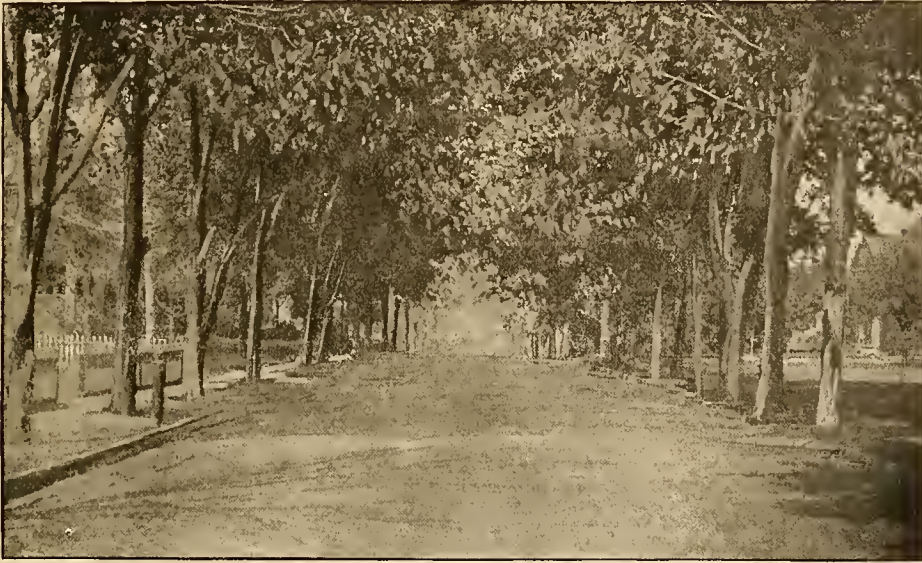
This is only a single track road, but there are numerous switches or "turnouts" and the service is reasonably frequent, the average being a car every fifteen minutes in either direction during business hours.

Owing to the steepness of the ascent from Rondout Creek to the summit of the hill on which the most of residential Rondout is located, the business portion of Rondout village is more concentrated than it otherwise would be; the most of the many stores and all of the several hotels belonging to this portion of the city of Kingston being situated on the "Strand," as the street running along the bank of Rondout Creek is most appropriately called, and a short distance up the various streets which, like Union Avenue, descend the hill and take a course generally at right angles to the Strand.

We say "generally at right angles," for the streets of Rondout are not laid out in squares by any means, but curve and twist about in a most picturesque and bewildering fashion. Indeed it is unavoidable that they should do so, owing to the nature of the site of the village, for streets proceeding directly up the hill would be too steep to be of any practical use, and perfectly straight side streets would also be impracticable, as well as expensive to build. Of course, there are all sorts and kinds of buildings in business Rondout, for it would not be an American city if such were not the case, but as a rule the stores are large, well lighted, and well arranged, while there are some,—notably those in two large mercantile buildings recently erected on Union Avenue,—that in size, in equipment, and in beauty would do

no discredit to the best part of New York City itself. As detailed mention of the more important and interesting among Rondout's stores is made in another portion of this book we will not pursue the subject further here, but suffice it to say that Rondout is notable as a trade centre as well as a centre of commerce, and among her merchants, wholesale and retail, are men who have the requisite ability, pluck and liberality to assure them prominence in any community they may choose to enter.

As before stated, the residential portion of Rondout is on and near the summit of the hill, although, of course, there are many residences, and among them some elegant ones, in other parts of the village.



CHESTNUT ST., RONDOUT.

But the most of the finer dwelling-houses are well up on the hill, and with the extensive improvements that are now going on in the way of street extension and construction at this point, it is easy for even a stranger to see that this is destined to grow rapidly in beauty and in population, and to continue to be the most desirable residential section.

Some of the estates cover a good deal of territory and are very elaborately equipped as regards spacious and handsome buildings; broad driveways, shady paths, and pleasant lawns, while nearly all of them command extensive and beautiful views of the Hudson, of the Catskills, and of the broken and picturesque country for many miles around, and all of them share the great blessing of perfectly pure air, fresh from the wooded hills and mountains, the spreading elevated plains and the long reaches of the lordly Hudson. This is a pleasant place to live, indeed,—only a few minutes' walk from well-stocked stores, and from streets bustling with people,—and yet as calm, as quiet, and as healthful as mountain retreat or seashore nook. As one gazes from here upon the many buildings all around, and especially on and near the shore of Rondout Creek; as he notes the busy factories near by, observes the swarm of craft of all kinds in the creek, and sees all these evidences of the existence of a large population and of the presence of remunerative employment for thousands of people, it is very difficult to believe that all this is the outcome of a comparatively few years of development, and yet such is the fact, for there are men now alive and vigorous who can remember when Rondout was a mere hamlet, a collection of perhaps half a dozen little dwellings and storehouses; when it was called the Strand or Kingston Landing, it not being of sufficient importance to have a distinctive name of its own. The name Rondout is somewhat peculiar—indeed we believe there is no other Rondout in the country—but its origin is well known, for the name was derived from a redoubt that was built on the banks of the creek away back in 1614 by a

Dutch trading company. From this the creek took the name of Redoubt Kill; eventually changed to Rundoubt and finally to Rondout.

The first steamboat to enter the creek arrived from New York in 1826, towing the hull of an unfinished vessel, but the first passenger steamer did not arrive until 1829, when the steamboat *Congress* began to carry freight and passengers between Rondout Creek and New York, and it is a notable fact



THE STRAND, RONDOUT.

that it did not run from what is now Rondout, but from Twaalfskill, (afterward Wilbur,) that being then a place of more importance than "the Strand" or "Kingston Landing," as Rondout was then called. This boat had but a little freight and a few passengers out of Rondout Creek, and eked out its support by towing freight barges between Poughkeepsie and New York. Two years later, or in 1831, Rondout inaugurated its first steamboat service, the steamboat *Hudson* being run between that place and New York. At this time there was no road along the creek from Rondout to Wilbur, and there was not the least hint of the enormous shipping business that was to be built up here, for although the Delaware and Hudson Canal was then completed, it having been opened to Honesdale, Pennsylvania, in 1829, there was but very little demand for coal; and the bluestone business had not been started here, while the cement business had been started in a very small way only, and that in the town of Hurley, some miles distant. As it is to the manufacture and shipping of these two commodities that Kingston and Rondout chiefly owe their present wealth, population and prominence, the subject of their introduction is of sufficient importance to warrant our quoting verbatim from the very interesting chapter on improvements in and on the development of this region, contained in the "History of Kingston, New York, from its early settlement to the year 1820, by Marius Schoonmaker, of Kingston." This history, published in 1888, makes a substantial and well-bound volume of 558 pages, and there is not a page that does not bear evidence of careful and scholarly work. We gratefully acknowledge our indebtedness to it in the preparation of this sketch of Rondout, and particularly of that of old Kingston in another portion of this book, and we

would most earnestly advise such of our readers as wish to gain reliable historical information presented in an interesting and logical way, or wish to have their children become familiar with the development of this region and especially of its history during the Revolution, to obtain a copy of what is in our opinion one of the best works on American local history ever published.

In speaking of Rondout and Kingston in 1825, Mr. Schoonmaker says: "At this time the great wealth of Kingston and its vicinity in Ulster County—bluestone and cement—lay undeveloped and hidden in the bosom of the earth. It was not until the fall of 1836 that Philip V. D. Lockwood, the pioneer in the development of our flagstone, opened the quarry, and in 1837 made the first shipment of flagstone that was made from this county to the city of New York. Ezra Fitch next took up the business. Others followed their lead, and now the trade amounts to millions of dollars annually, and the bluestone of Ulster County may be found covering walks and forming sills and lintels of doors and windows in nearly every city of the Union. The cement manufacture some years after 1820 was started in a small way by three brothers, John, Moses and Jacob Hoffman, in the neighboring town of Hurley, now Rosendale; they were soon followed by Watson E. Lawrence; and there are now in Kingston and neighboring towns millions of dollars invested in its manufacture, and the iron rails stretching over the land in every direction, and the mighty ocean washing the shores of the Union, and its numberless tributaries penetrating the interior, bear the Ulster County cement in vast quantities to every section of the country."

Midway between Rondout and Kingston on the plateau stands the City Hall, a large and handsome building of brick with stone trimmings, and in front of it is one of the most unconventional, artistic and striking soldiers' monuments which it was ever our pleasure to look upon. The pedestal, shaft and surmounting figure are not especially noticeable, for they are constructed from the conventional granite after the conventional design; but the bronze figure of a soldier on one side of the shaft, and the bronze figure of a sailor on the other side are no more conventional than is war itself, and far from being represented "standing at ease" (as is the usual custom with sculptors of soldiers' monuments) they are as alert as a tiger about to spring upon his foe. Every muscle is tense; every faculty is concentrated upon the task of opposing and overthrowing the enemy, and when you note the strength and nobility of the figures you understand the boy's comment upon the work,—“No wonder we licked if we had such fellers as them.” The monument was erected in 1890, and its significance and origin are well stated in the following inscription:

TO THE
SOLDIERS AND SAILORS
OF THE COUNTY OF
ULSTER
IN THE WAR FOR THE UNION.
1861-1865.
THEIR GRATEFUL FELLOW CITIZENS.

The grounds in front of the City Hall rise too abruptly from the street to permit the monument to be seen to the best advantage, and the only available point of view within the grounds is far too near the monument to enable its beautiful proportions to be appreciated.

Owing to its elevated site and its magnitude, the City Hall is conspicuous for miles around and is near enough the convergence of all the railways that pass through Kingston, to be remarked by about every traveller passing through the city. It should have been built of bluestone, relieved by trimmings of cement. It wouldn't have been so handsome then and would doubtless have cost more money, but its oddity would have attracted great attention and when inquirers were told that it was the City Hall of Kingston, the capital of Ulster County, they would have agreed that the materials used were eminently appropriate.

Another notable building near by is the big State Armory, erected in 1879. It is massively built of brick, and is doubtless highly useful if not particularly ornamental. A comparatively recently established but already very important Kingston industry has its home in this vicinity, this being a great frame building, used as a cigar factory and giving employment to hundreds of hands,—and eventually, of course, to thousands of mouths, not to mention lungs and such other portions of the human form divine as participate in the act of smoking.



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Telephone Call, 43-5.

It is very fitting that the leading and largest furniture house in the State should utilize the finest salesrooms in the city, and as a glance at the adjoining picture will show, Messrs. Stock & Rice occupy premises that are exceptionally spacious, well arranged, well equipped, and attractive. They are located at Nos. 63 to 70 Union Avenue, and comprise two large buildings, one being four stories and the other three stories in height, and both being equipped with heavy plate glass windows and the other noticeable features of a thoroughly first-class modern mercantile establishment. The larger building is devoted expressly to the sale of furniture, etc., and the smaller one to the undertaking department of the business, for Messrs. Stock & Rice execute many commissions for funeral undertaking, and have so perfected their facilities as to be in a position to fill all orders at very short notice, to furnish everything required at reasonable rates and in short to render a service which will provide for all contingencies and be satisfactory in every respect. But it is as furniture dealers that this firm have gained their greatest fame, and if you will visit their spacious and well-lighted ware-rooms, examine their stock, and note their prices, you will see why this is the leading furniture house in the State, especially if you are sufficiently well-informed on the subject to thoroughly appreciate stylish, handsome and well-made furniture and positively bottom prices. A very large and an extremely varied stock is constantly carried, and it includes all standard grades of furniture; so that whether you wish to furnish a cottage or a mansion, whether you are looking especially for durability and cheapness or for beauty and style, you can find just what you want here; and what is more, after you have picked out your goods you can be sure that they will be promptly and accurately delivered, and that you are getting them at positively the lowest market rates. A specialty with this representative house is the making to order of all kinds of artistic furniture, and they do an extensive business in this department alone, for their work is unconventional, beautiful and tasteful, and they make no extravagant charges, even for the most costly and elaborate furniture. The inception of this business dates back nearly forty years, it having been founded in 1855, by Mr. W. Stock, and in 1880 it came under the control of his sons, who carried it on under the style of J. B. Stock & Bros. The present firm was formed in 1881 and is composed of Messrs. Nicholas Stock and Jacob Rice, both of whom are natives of Rondout, and are so well known throughout this section as to render further personal mention entirely unnecessary.

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF RONDOUT, N. Y.—One of the representative financial institutions of Kingston, which is contributing largely to the prosperity of the city and maintaining its reputation at the highest standard throughout every section of the United States, is the First National Bank of Rondout. Its interests have always been intimately allied with the material progress and prosperity of Kingston, and its policy has ever been and still is, to promote, so far as is consistent with its own safety, the well-being of the industrial and commercial interests of the city. Recognizing the fact that the true functions of a bank of deposit and discount are all more or less directly connected with the facilitation of exchange, the management have never allowed the institution to be diverted from its legitimate path of usefulness, and at the same time have never shrunk from incurring responsibility incidental to the carrying on of a general banking business in a prominent manufacturing and mercantile centre. Yet the affairs of the bank have always been conservatively administered, as may be judged from the fact that the capital of \$400,000 is augmented by a surplus of \$100,000, half of which is invested in United States four per cent. bonds at par. The directors are men intimately identified with the best interests of the city of Kingston; their names being synonymous with integrity, prudence and stability, and being familiar to all who are acquainted with the prominent industrial and mercantile enterprises of this section of the Empire State, as will be seen by an examination of the following list: President, Edwin Young; vice-president, H. C. Loop; cashier, Charles Bray; directors, Edwin Young, H. C. Loop, A. S. Staples, James L. Van Deusen, M. J. Madden, Hewitt Borce, Wm. D. McMillan, Joseph Cornell, Charles Bray. The First National Bank numbers among its depositors some of the leading corporations, firms, and business men of this city, and occupies a high place among those banks which owe their popularity to no one cause but rather to the furnishing of a comprehensive service, absolutely reliable, gratifyingly prompt and entirely satisfactory in all of its many details.

RONDOUT SAVINGS BANK, Rondout, N. Y.—While no doubt it is true that the opportunities for amassing a competency are not so numerous in proportion to the population as they were half a century ago, still it is within the power of the majority of the people to secure themselves against want if they go to work about it in the right way. Too many seek to win a fortune by one brilliant stroke, disdaining the building up of one little by little, but having a hazy idea that some day they shall have riches within their grasp and need only reach out and pluck them. They set their minds on having a balance of ten, twenty, thirty or forty thousand dollars to their credit before they die, but never seem to realize that everything must have a beginning, and that the largest sum of money is made up of single dollars. Few of us are financiers; not all of us have business capacity, but every man in health has within the capacity to earn money, and the capacity to earn involves the capacity to save. To save, then, is within the power of practically all, and so important is the formation of the habit of saving, that every workman should save something, if it be but a quarter of a dollar a week. Save all you honorably can and deposit it in a secure and well-managed bank; then should trouble come you have some resource, and even if it happen to be small you will at least have the satisfaction of knowing that you have done your duty as a man toward those dependent upon you. Our New York savings banks are, as a rule, worthy of the highest praise, and one of the most deserving of them is that carried on in this city under the name of the Rondout Savings Bank. It has rendered efficient aid to thousands in the past, and has within it the promise of equally good work in the future, for it is managed prudently and wisely, and has the full confidence of the public. The bank now holds deposits of more than a million of dollars and the large number of open accounts reduces the average deposit to an amount which shows that the institution is patronized by those for whom its services were and are intended. Many well-known citizens are identified with it, and the principal officers are as follows: President, James G. Lindsley; vice-president, A. S. Staples; secretary, J. E. Deuenbacher.

PETER HAMILTON, Livery and Boarding Stable, Ann Street, Rondout, N. Y.—The question of whether it is cheaper for one living in the city to own or hire a horse is one that is influenced so much by circumstances in each individual case, that it is impossible to answer it until those circumstances are duly considered, but at all events it will be agreed that such an establishment as the "Hamilton Livery," conducted by Mr. Peter Hamilton, located on Ann Street, deserves hearty support, for here a desirable, safe and stylish team may be hired at a moderate cost, or a horse may be boarded by its owner at a reasonable expense, so that all who own or use horses for business or pleasure can be accommodated. This enterprise was inaugurated in 1877, and now ranks among the leading undertakings of the kind in Rondout. The premises in use are spacious and well arranged, being 40 x 100 feet in dimensions, and contain every convenience, there being sixteen stalls, and ample carriage accommodations. Single and double teams can be furnished at short notice, and the most fastidious customer will have no reason to complain of any detail of the turnout, for horse, carriage, harness, robe, etc., are all first-class, the best being catered to, and no pains spared to assure satisfaction. Hacks for public occasions such as balls, weddings, funerals, etc., can be supplied in any number desired, experienced and careful drivers being furnished, who will be found not only competent but courteous also.

ULSTER PLANING MILL, A. K. Contant, Proprietor, Planing, Matching, Sawing, Re-sawing, Scroll-work, Turning, Etc., Mouldings, Columns, Newel Posts and Balusters, Strand, Rondout, N. Y.—It would make an old-time carpenter gasp with astonishment to visit such an establishment as the Ulster Planing Mill, conducted by Mr. A. K. Contant, for this is fitted up with wood-working machinery of the most improved type, and work is done with a speed and accuracy which seem miraculous when compared with hand labor. The enterprise was inaugurated in 1888, operations having been begun by the present proprietor, who is a native of this town and of course, consequently, very well known in this locality. The premises occupied and located on Strand comprise two floors 40 x 50 feet in dimensions, and a large trade is done in planing, matching, sawing, re-sawing, scroll-work, turning, etc., mouldings, columns, newel posts and balusters, band-sawing, brackets, etc., etc., and furnishing these commodities without delay in quantities to suit, and at the lowest market rates. The mill is large in size, and well located, the machinery being very conveniently arranged and driven by a 40-horse power engine and a 60-horse power boiler. It is kept at the highest standard of efficiency at all times, and as a consequence the products are very uniform in quality and Mr. Contant is always ready to give drawings and estimates when desired. Orders by mail will receive prompt attention, first-class work being done at low rates for cash. Four assistants are employed so that all work is looked after very promptly.



GEORGE HAUCK BREWING COMPANY

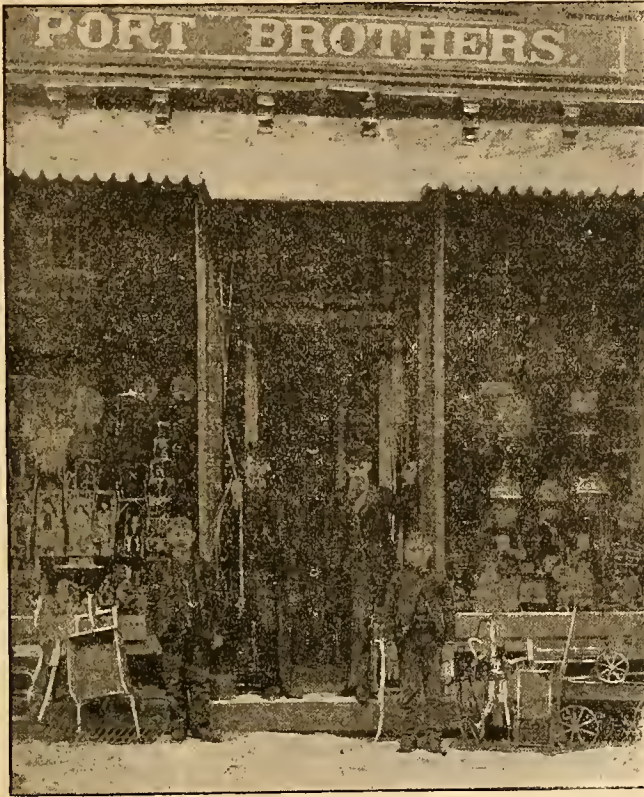
Holmes and Wurts Streets, Rondout.—Every one knows that there is close and sharp competition in the brewing business, and it is an open secret that some brewers try to gain trade by quoting prices below the regular rate instead of by improving the quality of their product—the consequence being that there are brands of lager beer in the market which are highly unsatisfactory to all who know what good beer is. About the only protection the consumer has is the reputation of those concerns which depend upon quality rather than upon quantity for the sale of their goods, and as the George Hauck Brewing Company ranks high among the brewers who cater to discriminating trade, one is sure of getting a uniformly fine grade of lager by patronizing the dealers who are customers of this well-known concern. The brewery is located at the corner of Holmes and Wurts Streets, and is fitted up with an elaborate plant of machinery of the most improved type. The company brew lager beer exclusively and are prepared to fill all orders, large and small, without delay. The officers are as follows: President, George Hauck; vice-president, A. Hauck; secretary, John Hauck.



EDWARD WEBER & CO.,

dealers in Choice Beef, Veal, Pork, Mutton, Lamb and Poultry, corner Union Avenue and Abeel Street, Connected by Telephone. —Among the oldest-established houses in Rondout that carry a superior grade of fresh and salt meats, that conducted by Messrs. Edward Weber & Co., whose market is located on the corner of Union Avenue and Abeel Street, deserves special mention. This house was established in 1850, by Mr. John Weber, who was succeeded in 1885 by the present proprietors, who have by energy and perseverance attained the position they now occupy among the business men of this town. The premises occupied are 30 x 30 feet in dimensions, and are admirably arranged for their trade, having all necessary facilities for carrying on the business. Three courteous and obliging assistants are employed, while the stock embraces all kinds of fresh and salt meats, a specialty being made of beef, veal, pork, mutton, lamb, poultry, etc. This firm's facilities for handling choice goods

are unsurpassed in this vicinity. Mr. Weber is a native of this town, and is a very energetic gentleman of long experience in his business, to which he devotes his close personal attention, thus insuring perfect satisfaction in all respects to his numerous patrons and he well deserves the success he has attained.



PORT BROTHERS, Retail and Wholesale Dealers in Confectionery, Tobacco and Cigars, Musical Instruments and Strings, Crockery, Glassware, Tinware and House Furnishing Goods, Watches, Clocks, Guns, Pistols, Stationery and Toys, Sole Agents for Steel Reed Accordions, No. 20 Union Avenue, Rondout, N. Y.—The popular establishment conducted by Messrs. Port Brothers, at No. 20 Union Avenue, was begun in 1891 by them. They are natives of Kingston, and are very well known and highly esteemed in this community. They deal in various articles, doing both a wholesale and retail business, among which may be mentioned confectionery, tobacco and cigars, musical instruments and strings, crockery, glassware, tinware and house furnishing goods, watches, clocks, guns, pistols, stationery and toys, etc., and are agents for Steel Reed Accordions. The premises occupied comprise one floor, 20 x 80 feet in size, and the stock offered is very tastefully and advantageously arranged, and everything sold is guaranteed to prove exactly as represented. Messrs. Port Brothers have gained an enviable reputation for fair and honorable dealings with all having business transactions with them. They personally supervise their business and consequently all callers are assured prompt and courteous attention. Two competent assistants are employed, while the prices quoted on all the goods offered will bear the closest comparison with those quoted on similar goods elsewhere.

KINGSTON STEAM BISCUIT WORKS, Stephen Staples, manufacturer of all Kinds of Crackers and Biscuit, Telephone Call 3, Hasbrouck Avenue, Near Mill Street, Rondout, N. Y.—The business carried on at the Kingston Steam Biscuit Works was founded just about a third of a century ago, and it is hardly necessary to add that great changes and improvements have been made in biscuit and cracker manufacturing since that time. But the management of these works has always been alert, liberal and intelligent, and as a natural consequence they have constantly been kept fully "up to the times" and to-day have a reputation second to none, in connection with the quality of the products, the prices quoted on the same, and the promptness and accuracy with which orders are filled. Operations were begun in 1860 by Mr. John P. Reading, and in 1875 the enterprise came under the control of Messrs. Staples & Willis, who were succeeded, in 1883, by Messrs. Staples & Co., they giving place, in 1891, to the present proprietor, Mr. Stephen Staples, who is a native of Rondout and is too well known to require extended personal mention. The works are located on Hasbrouck Avenue, near Mill Street, and comprise two floors, measuring 60 x 100 feet each; they being fitted up with an elaborate plant of machinery of the most improved type for the manufacture of all kinds of crackers and biscuit. Employment is given to thirty-two assistants, and the daily output is very large in amount and varied in kind, being equal to four barrels of flour per hour, enabling the most extensive orders to be filled at short notice, while the business is so carefully systemized that even the smallest orders are assured prompt and careful attention. No trouble is spared in the selection and handling of material, and the line of crackers and biscuits produced includes goods suited to the most fastidious trade and sure to give excellent satisfaction wherever introduced.

WILLIAM WELCH, Merchant Tailor, No. 159 The Strand, Rondout, N. Y.—No man can afford to despise the influence of dress. There is, of course, such a thing as wasting money on clothing, but the mistake many men make is in going to the other extreme and dressing cheaply and shabbily, and the result can hardly be favorable. To dress well and fashionably need not cost a great deal of money. Exercise discrimination in choosing a tailor and be guided in some degree by his advice. It is for his interest to use you well, and it is for your interest to use him well. He will do his best to keep a steady customer, and you will find that a tailor accustomed to your form can fit you better than a stranger. Mr. William Welch is located at No. 159 The Strand. He began here in business in 1845, and has made many steady customers. Our readers will find it difficult to learn of an establishment offering more solid inducements to its customers than this one, for Mr. Welch is liberal in his methods and makes it a point to give a genuine equivalent for all that he receives. Mr. Welch is a fine custom tailor. He employs only competent assistants and all that good workmanship and low prices can do to satisfy patrons, is done at this store.

GUSTAV TEICHLER, dealer in Bread, Cake, Etc., also Groceries and Provisions, No. 140 Hasbrouck Avenue, Rondout, N. Y.—If Mr. Gustav Teichler does not know how to carry on a bread, cake, grocery and provision store by this time, it is certainly not from lack of experience, for he has been indentified with that line of business since 1870, and should be familiar with it in every detail. As a matter of fact we believe he is thoroughly conversant with the requirements of the public, and is liberal and painstaking in catering to them, for since he founded his present establishment he has made it one of the most popular of its kind in Rondout. Mr. Teichler is a native of Germany and is widely known personally in Rondout and vicinity, where his energetic and straightforward business methods have made him many friends. An extensive retail trade is carried on, bread, cake, etc., as well as staple and fancy groceries, and choice provisions, being supplied in quantities to suit, at the lowest market rates. Employment is given to competent assistants and callers are assured prompt and polite attention. Mr. Teichler occupies premises at No. 140 Hasbrouck Avenue, which are fitted up with every requisite facility for the proper conduct of the business in all its many details. He gives his business careful personal supervision, and is continually trying to improve the service rendered.

SCHMIDT BROTHERS, dealers in Meats and Provisions, Hasbrouck Avenue, Rondout, N. Y.—No one can blame a man for wanting what belongs to him, and, therefore, no one can blame anybody for trying to find an establishment where all agreements made are strictly adhered to, and where honor and fair dealing prevail. We can render our readers efficient help in finding such an establishment, for these are precisely the kind of business methods that have given the store conducted by Schmidt Brothers its present popularity, and we feel confident that they will be steadily continued. The Schmidt Brothers began operations in their present field of usefulness in 1892. The premises occupied are located on Hasbrouck Avenue, where is carried as choice and varied a stock of first-class meats and provisions as any one could wish to see, for it is selected under the personal supervision of the proprietors, and will be found strictly first-class in every respect, and those who want choice goods at moderate prices should by all means give this firm an early call. Messrs. Charles and George Schmidt are both natives of Rondout, and are highly esteemed throughout this vicinity. They are prepared to give prompt and accurate delivery, and we feel sure that none who may favor them with patronage will have the least reason to regret it. Polite and experienced assistants are employed, and the minutest details of the business, which is retail in character, are most ably and honorably handled.

ISAAC C. BUSWELL, Gun and Locksmith, Hasbrouck Avenue, Rondout, N. Y.—It is one thing to buy a good gun and another to get a gun repaired in first-class style, and all who have had experience will agree that the latter is the harder of the two to accomplish. For this reason, such of our readers as have sporting tastes will thank us for calling to their attention the facilities possessed by Mr. Isaac C. Buswell, for the repairing of guns and firearms in general, for he makes a specialty of such work and has the skill and the tools to attain results that are bound to suit the most critical. Locksmithing in all its branches is also carried on, locks being repaired and keys fitted at very short notice, and at uniformly moderate rates. Mr. Buswell gives personal attention to the various details of his business and has established an enviable reputation for punctuality and skill in the filling of orders. Mr. Isaac C. Buswell is a native of Glens Falls, N. Y. He served in the army during the Rebellion, and is well known throughout Rondout, where he has carried on his present line of business since 1887. He occupies one half of a shop with Mr. M. B. Adams, on Hasbrouck Avenue, where he will be pleased to receive orders for anything in his line, and is prepared to guarantee satisfaction to all who may patronize his services.

DR. D. KENNEDY, Proprietor and Manufacturer, Ferry, near Union Street, Rondout, N. Y.—This enterprise was founded and begun in 1873 by the present proprietor, Dr. D. Kennedy, who is a native of this State. The discoverer and manufacturer of the "Favorite Remedy" is a graduate of the College of Physicians and Surgeons at New York, and was for several years a member of the Ulster County Medical Society and is therefore well known to the whole community in this portion of the State. His name is familiar to almost every one in every city, town, village, and hamlet in the United States, and Canada, as the proprietor of the "Favorite Remedy." He is also proprietor of Dr. Kennedy's "Golden Drops," and Eye Ointment—valuable remedies. Dr. Kennedy is highly indorsed by the citizens of this town who have the utmost confidence in his ability and who speak in the highest terms of his professional skill and learning, and, consequently, when he assures the people through his circulars that the "Favorite Remedy" is a medicine that purifies the blood, thereby curing scrofula affections, bilious disorders, kidney complaint, constipation, and all those ills peculiar to females, they believe him, use his remedy, and again enjoy perfect health. Dr. Kennedy still continues the practice of his profession, but confines himself exclusively to office practice. He treats all diseases and performs all the minor and capital operations of surgery. He has been a resident of Rondout since 1870, and his office and dispensary, etc., are located on Ferry, near Union Street. Dr. Kennedy was elected mayor of Kingston city in March, 1892. The duties appertaining to this office have been very satisfactorily performed.

JOHN WEBER, JR., Ulster Market; Dealer in Hams, Pork, Corned Meats, Poultry, Etc., Fresh Meats of all Kinds; No. 180 Strand, Rondout, N. Y.—It is said that the average American family demands the best grades of meats, and will not be satisfied with anything inferior, even at a much less price. Although this may be an exaggeration, still it is undeniable that many families find it very difficult to get satisfactory meat, even when they are prepared to pay the regular market rates for it. The trouble is they do not look for it in the right place. Some dealers do not trade in first quality meats at all, although they are not likely to say so when questioned about it. On the other hand there are establishments where a specialty is made of such meats. Prominent among these is the store kept by Mr. John Weber, Jr., at No. 180 Strand, this being an old market and having more than a local reputation for furnishing strictly high-grade goods at fair prices. All kinds of fresh meats, hams, pork, corned meats, poultry, etc. are largely dealt in at both wholesale and retail, efforts being made to supply goods that will prove entirely satisfactory to the most fastidious. This business was founded in 1860, by Mr. Fred Weber, and after a change, in 1872, the present proprietor took the full management in 1879. He is a native of Germany, but from his long residence in this town, is very well and favorably known to all its residents. Three competent assistants are employed and all callers will receive prompt and polite attention at this popular "Ulster Market."

ENOCH CARTER, dealer in Pumps, Sinks, Etc., Hot Water and Steam Heating, also Stoves, Tin-Copper and Sheet-iron ware; Tin Roofing and Jobbing Promptly Attended to, Hasbrouck Avenue, Rondout, N. Y.—The business now carried on by Mr. Enoch Carter was founded by him in 1877. He is a native of Newburg, N. Y., and is one of the best-known men in his line of business in Rondout. The premises made use of are located on Hasbrouck Avenue, and contain a very extensive and carefully chosen stock of stoves, tin, copper and sheet-iron ware, also pumps, sinks, etc., for Mr. Carter deals largely in these and similar articles, and is prepared to fill orders at short notice and at the very lowest market rates. He handles cooking and heating apparatus of the most improved type, and is in a position to guarantee satisfaction to those who will acquaint him with their wants and allow him to select the kinds best suited to their needs. Employment is given to four assistants, and tin roofing and jobbing will be done in a thorough and workmanlike manner, at short notice. We would also call attention to Mr. Carter's facilities to do hot water and steam heating, for such work must be skilfully and honestly carried out, or the consequences may be serious; and the most absolute confidence may be safely placed in that done under Mr. Carter's direction. His prices are uniformly moderate and we can unreservedly guarantee satisfaction to all who may employ his services, in either department of his business.

W. P. CRANE & CO., Wholesale and Retail Dealers in Yellow Pine, Timber, Plank, Flooring and Ceiling, (Ponkhockie,) Strand, Rondout, N. Y.—The peculiar and distinctive properties of yellow pine makes it one of the most valuable of woods for many important uses, and hence it is not to be wondered at that the demand for it is immense and is still steadily increasing. Among the various houses handling this valuable commodity, either exclusively or as a very prominent specialty, mention must be made of that of W. P. Crane & Co.—this concern giving exclusive attention to the wholesaling and retailing of yellow pine, and being prepared to furnish it in any desired quantity, large or small, at the lowest market rates. The office and yard are located on the Strand, at "Crane's Dock," Rondout, and the premises are sufficiently capacious to accommodate a heavy and complete stock, including yellow pine timber, plank, flooring and ceiling. Employment is given to three assistants, and the delivery facilities are ample to meet all demands. The firm is constituted of Messrs. W. P. Crane and A. T. Decker, the former a native of Rondout and the latter of New York. They have been associated in their present enterprise since 1888.

JAS. SHORTAL, House, Sign, Boat Painter, Chambers Street, Rondout, N. Y.—Nearly every man of middle age has tried at one time or the other to do some painting "on his own hook," and if he had no previous experience, the chances are that when he got through with the attempt he had more respect for a painter (professional) than he ever had before. Painting looks very easy and in one sense of the word it is easy, for anybody can dip a brush into a paint pot and plaster the paint on a wall or other smooth surface, but it is not everybody that can put on just enough paint and can distribute it as evenly as it should be distributed if the first result is to be at all satisfactory. Therefore we say it always pays to employ a good painter, and as some of our readers may not know just where to find such, we take pleasure in calling their attention to the establishment of Mr. Jas. Shortal, whose shop is located on Chambers Street, for he has conducted the business in question for many years, and has proved himself equal to all demands, and able to do the very best of work at bottom prices. He makes a specialty of house, sign and boat painting. His shop comprises one floor, 20 x 25 feet in dimensions, and all orders will be promptly attended to.

METZGER BROS' LIVERY, Horses and Carriages to Let at all Hours, Horses Kept on Livery by Day, Week or Month, Stables on Ann and Chambers Streets, Near Mill Street, Telephone Call. 4, Rondout, N. Y.—In about every community there is a more or less brisk demand for single and double teams for business or pleasure purposes, and it is to be regretted that this demand is indifferently catered to, by a certain proportion of stable keepers, for on account of the poor accommodations offered at some establishments of this kind, the general public have formed such an opinion of public stables that a "livery stable team" is considered as synonymous with a broken down horse and a more or less worthless carriage. There is no justice in judging every establishment by the policy followed in the management of comparatively few, and certainly no competent judge can make use of the facilities provided by Messrs. Metzger Bros., at their stables located on Ann and Chambers Street, near Mill Street, without conceding that "livery stable teams" are by no means necessarily poor. This livery stable was originally established by Adam Metzger in 1860, he being succeeded in 1884, by the present firm, which is composed of Julius and Benjamin Metzger, both of whom are natives of this town, and who are constantly striving to improve the service rendered. There are twenty-two stalls on the premises which measure 30 x 140 feet in dimensions, and an extensive livery, hack and boarding business is done, employment being given to three assistants and every order being assured prompt and careful attention. The proprietors are uniformly moderate in their charges, and as they make every effort to please their patrons, it is not at all surprising that their establishment should stand high in public favor.

MISS JENNIE B. BLUME, Ladies' Hair Dressing Parlor, Fine Switches, Bangs, Front Pieces, Hair Dressing, Cutting and Shampooing, Etc., Etc., Corner Strand and Union Avenue, Opposite Mansion House, Rondout, N. Y.—Miss Jennie B. Blume's ladies' hair dressing parlor and hair store is one of those establishments which can be unreservedly recommended, for the service offered here will not suffer in the least by comparison with that extended by the leading hair stores of New York or Boston, the goods being equally desirable, the prices being equally low (and in many cases lower), and the variety offered being equally great. Miss Blume is very generally and favorably known throughout this section, and indeed throughout the State, for she does a very large mail business and sends goods to many distant points. She is a large retail dealer in hair goods of every description, viz.: fine hair switches, bangs, etc., while in connection with this business, Miss Blume has a ladies' hair dressing parlor where hair dressing, cutting and shampooing, curling, etc., etc., is done in the most artistic manner, the latest improved facilities being provided. The premises occupied are located on the second floor in the building corner of Union Avenue and Strand. This enterprise was begun here in 1891 by Miss Blume, who gives her close personal attention to the business and as she only gives employment to skilled and efficient assistants the service is as prompt as it is good while her prices are always moderate.

MARKS JACOBS, Merchant Tailor, Nos. 184 Strand and 37 Ferry Street, Rondout, N. Y.—There is a certain class which will always prefer custom-made clothing, and there is another class which will be satisfied with ready-made garments, so that there is no real danger of these two branches of trade interfering with one another. The well-informed public know that superior ready-made garments are preferable to inferior custom clothing, and they also know that the highest class of custom work is so far superior to the highest grade of ready-made work that no comparison is possible. Therefore, it is obvious that one should either place his order with a first-class merchant tailor, or else purchase high-grade ready-made garments, and, in our opinion, the first course is the more economical as well as the more satisfactory in other respects. No better clothing is made in Rondout than that produced by Mr. Marks Jacobs, and when its wearing qualities are duly considered and the moderate charges made are brought to mind, we believe that it will be found to be cheaper than presentable ready-made garments. Mr. Jacobs does an extensive business, and utilizes a store 1,170 square feet in dimensions, and located at Nos. 184 Strand and 37 Ferry Street. He carries a heavy, varied and seasonable stock of foreign and domestic fabrics, and always presents the latest fashionable novelties for his customers to choose from. Employment is given to thoroughly competent assistants, and orders can be filled at short notice; it being understood, of course, that perfection of fit and thoroughness of workmanship are guaranteed. This enterprise was started by Mr. Jacobs in 1868. He gives careful personal attention to the carrying on of his business, and no trouble is spared to fully maintain the enviable reputation for promptness and reliability which has been held for so long a period.

JOHN LANG, Successor to Christian Lang, dealer in Fresh and Salt Meats, Butter, Eggs, Fruits and Vegetables, No. 25 Ravine Street, Rondout, N. Y.—Mr. John Lang is a native of Rondout, and succeeded his father in the management of his present establishment in 1888. His market contains a well-selected stock of fresh and salt meats of all kinds; also butter, eggs, and foreign and domestic fruits in great variety in their seasons. The prices quoted are always in accordance with the lowest market rates, and as the goods are of excellent quality and customers are promptly and politely attended to, it is perfectly natural that a large and growing business should be done. Lack of space forbids our giving the goods constituting Mr. Lang's stock the detailed mention their merits deserve, but no doubt the majority of our readers residing in Rondout need not be told that he faithfully carries out the policy of giving every customer the full worth of his money. The premises utilized by Mr. John Lang are located at No. 25 Ravine Street, and are very conveniently fitted up, and supplied with every requisite facility for the proper handling of the perishable stock handled. All orders will be delivered when promised, and will also be accurately and carefully filled.

CROSBY & ENNIST, Wholesale and Retail Dealers in Dry Goods, Carpets, Oilcloths, Wall-paper, Window-shades, Etc., Corner Union Avenue and Ferry Street, Rondout, N. Y.—It would not be just correct to say that the store carried on by Messrs. Crosby & Ennist is one of the "show places" of Rondout, for Rondout has developed beyond the point of having such "show places" as are the pride of smaller communities, but yet this is a thoroughly representative establishment and one that can be confidently and unreservedly recommended to all who appreciate dependable goods at bottom prices. The firm is constituted of Messrs. Marvin C. Crosby and Frank Ennist, both of whom are very widely and favorably known in business and social circles, and have been associated in their present enterprise since 1879. As wholesale and retail dealers in foreign and domestic dry goods, carpets, rugs, oilcloths, wall-papers, window-shades, etc., they do a very large business and utilize very extensive premises, the latter comprising seven floors, each 60 feet in depth, and being located at the corner of Union Avenue and Ferry Street. An extremely large stock is carried but it is even more remarkable for quality than for quantity, as it is made up of the productions of the leading manufacturers. One is always sure to find the very latest fashionable novelties at this popular store, and one is sure to be attended to promptly and courteously, for employment is given to ten efficient assistants, and the service is maintained at a uniformly high standard of excellence.

ALBERT A. HENKEL, dealer in Boots, Shoes and Rubbers, No. 10 Mill Street, Rondout, N. Y.—Everybody should be interested in information relating to where they can find perfect fitting and durable boots and shoes, for, after all, it is not the feet of a person that are seen, but what is worn on them, and the prettiest foot may be hopelessly disguised in an ill-fitting boot, while even a homely one may be made to appear attractive if discrimination be used in the selection of a covering for it. The manufacture of boots and shoes, especially those intended for ladies' wear, has reached a very high pitch of perfection, and it is now possible to obtain practically any desired peculiarity of style and shape, if one will visit the proper establishments. A call at the store of Mr. Albert A. Henkel, located at No. 10 Mill Street, will result in the inspection of what is considered by good judges to be one of the finest stocks of gents', ladies', misses' and children's boots, shoes and rubbers, to be found in this locality, and what is especially worthy of mention here, is the fact that these goods are offered at prices within the means of all. Mr. Henkel is a native of Michigan, and is very well known throughout Rondout, and has built up the large retail trade he now enjoys, by keeping strict faith with his customers, and always rendering them a fair equivalent for their money.

F. X. WEIRETER, Groceries and Provisions, Strand and Sycamore, Rondout, N. Y.—The establishment occupied by Mr. F. X. Weireter is a spacious one, being 20 x 20 feet in dimensions, and the business is a large and steadily growing one, for this is an old established enterprise, having been founded in 1876 by the present proprietor, who is a native of Schenectady, N. Y., and is well known throughout Rondout. He belongs to that class of business men that believe in personal supervision, and is not afraid to work hard to improve the efficiency of the service offered the public. The stock carried at this establishment is both large and varied, embracing, as it does, choice family groceries and provisions, etc. While it is the aim of Mr. Weireter to supply the best obtainable goods in every department, particular attention is given to the selection of the teas, coffees and spices offered. That reliable goods are not incompatible with low prices is proved by the experience of those patronizing this house, for while every article is guaranteed to prove as represented, the rates quoted will bear the severest examination and comparison. There is one experienced assistant employed, and polite and immediate attention is the rule to every caller at this store, located on Corner Strand and Sycamore Streets.

M. B. ADAMS, Locksmith, also Repairer of Clocks, Sewing Machines and Jewelry, Hasbrouck Avenue, Rondout, N. Y.—At first thought it may seem strange that it is more difficult to get all kinds of machinery properly repaired than to buy new, and of course, in case of slight break-downs, this is not true, but every machinist of experience will agree that, generally speaking, it requires a higher grade of skill to repair a lock or sewing machine than to make them. The maker has only familiar and simple operations to go through with, while the repairer is constantly having to solve new problems and devise new combinations to attain the desired result. The high standing held by Mr. M. B. Adams of Rondout is due, in a great measure, to the success met with as a locksmith and a repairer of clocks, sewing machines, and jewelry of all kinds, for particular attention is given to this class of work, and as Mr. Adams makes a specialty of this kind of work his premises are thoroughly equipped with all requisite facilities for the execution of orders in a thoroughly reliable and satisfactory manner. Mr. Adams, who is a native of Glens Falls, has carried on his present line of business here at Rondout since 1886, and now occupies one half of a shop with Mr. I. C. Buswell, on Hasbrouck Avenue, where he respectfully solicits the patronage of the public, and the residents of Rondout in particular.

EDWARD DREYFUS, The Tailor, Fine Merchant Tailoring, Ready-made Clothing, and Gents' Furnisher, Two Doors East of Postoffice, No. 179 Strand, Rondout, N. Y.—The idea that economy consists of paying as low a price as possible for everything that is purchased is a very mistaken one, and there are few who have had any experience in buying who entertain it. There are many other things to be taken into consideration besides the first cost, especially in the buying of clothing, for in the selection of garments, style, neatness and durability should all be provided for. There are some few who can get a good fit in ready-made clothing and are perfectly satisfied with such garments, but the large majority would have their clothing made to order if they thought they could afford it, and we are convinced that more can afford it than now believe they can, for as a call at the store of Mr. Edward Dreyfus will prove, first-class custom clothing can now be obtained at but little more than is asked for dependable ready-made garments, and the superior wearing qualities of the former more than compensate for the slight difference in price. Mr. Dreyfus has carried on his present business since 1860, and should certainly be in a position to satisfy the most critical both as regards price and workmanship. He carries a fine and varied stock of foreign and domestic fabrics, and a visit to his establishment, No. 179 Strand, will show that all tastes and ages can be suited. A perfect fit is guaranteed, and every garment is cut in the very latest style. Mr. Dreyfus is a native of France, and gives employment to two competent and skilled assistants.

DR. T. P. OSTRANDER, Practical Dentist, No. 175 Strand, Rondout, N. Y.—The remarkable degree of perfection which has been attained in the manufacture of artificial teeth, is, of course, a boon to humanity, but it is not an unalloyed benefit if, as has been argued, it is responsible for much of the carelessness shown in the use and abuse of the natural teeth. The average man needs no encouragement in the work of ruining his teeth as soon as possible, for nothing can equal the zeal and persistency he displays in the task, unless it be the unqualified astonishment he expresses when he finds he has partially succeeded, and that one or more of his abused molars are beginning to give unmistakable proof that there are nerves hitched on to them somewhere. Generally he blames his ancestors, but if not he advances some other explanation, and the last thing he thinks of is to ascribe the injury to his own vicious habits, for it is as clearly a vice to impair the teeth by neglect and abuse as to injure the general health by disregard of hygienic principles. The mischief being done, however, the wise course is to have it repaired as perfectly as possible and to change the habits which brought it about. The services of a skillful dentist are of course indispensable, and the residents of Rondout and vicinity are fortunate in having access to a practitioner of such standing as that held by Mr. T. P. Ostrander, dentist, for he has had wide and varied experience in his profession, and is a very gentle and yet a very thorough operator. He commenced the practice of dentistry here some years ago, and his rooms are located on the second floor at No. 175 Strand, near the Postoffice and contain the most improved facilities for the practice of dentistry in all its branches.

WM. VAN BRAMER, Commission Merchant, Dealer in Foreign and Domestic Fruits, Bananas a Specialty, No. 49 Union Avenue, Rondout, N. Y.—The development of the trade in foreign and domestic fruits has been one of the most remarkable commercial changes occurring of late years, for although foreign fruits have long been a staple commodity in the market, still it is only recently that their handling has engaged the attention of men of such energy and such capital as to have caused imported fruits to retail as low, and in some cases lower, than fruits raised right here in the north. One of the men most prominently identified with the handling of foreign and domestic fruits, in this vicinity, is Mr. Wm. Van Bramer, doing business at No. 49 Union Avenue. This gentleman is a native of this town, and began operations in 1857. He does a wholesale and retail commission business, and utilizes one floor, 10 x 50 feet in dimensions. Mr. Van Bramer makes a specialty of bananas in their season; and at all times carries a large and seasonable stock. All orders are assured immediate and careful attention, as employment is given to one competent salesman and the heaviest commissions can be executed at short notice. Mr. Van Bramer served in the army during the late war.

DR. T. S. PARTLAN, Veterinary Surgeon, Hasbrouck Avenue, Rondout, N. Y.—It is hard to get it through the heads of some men that a horse is not a kind of machine that will stand any amount of hard service and even abuse, without injury, and such persons are always very much surprised when a horse breaks down from overwork, or contracts some disease which seriously impairs his value. Even with the best of care, horses are liable to become more or less seriously ill, and therefore the services of an educated and experienced veterinary surgeon are not only of great utility but are practically an absolute necessity in every community where horses are largely used. It is neither humane nor economical to deny to a sick horse the speedy chance of recovery afforded by the treatment given by such a practitioner, and if some of those who pride themselves on their shrewdness in never having paid a cent for medical advice for their animals, were to figure out the loss they incurred by having their horses lie idle longer than would otherwise have been necessary, they would change their opinion of their own sagacity. Among surgeons located in this town, none occupy a higher position than Dr. T. S. Partlan, whose office is located in Hasbrouck Avenue, in F. B. Patchen's livery stable, and those who have availed themselves of his services, speak in the highest terms of his professional skill and the moderate nature of his charges. Dr. Partlan has had an extended and varied experience and has been located in Rondout since 1888.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF RONDOUT, N. Y.—The condition of the financial institutions of a community affords an accurate reflex of the state of trade in that section, for it is not possible, or rather not reasonable, to imagine a bank being flourishing and prosperous when the industries and mercantile enterprises carried on its vicinity are the reverse. For this reason, one acquainted with Kingston and its present prospects would naturally expect to learn that its banks were financially sound and extensive in their resources and operations, and that such is indeed the fact we need hardly say. One of the best known financial institutions in the city, or for that matter, in the county as well, is the National Bank of Rondout, and so intimately has this bank been connected with the business history of Rondout, since 1848, (the year the institution was founded, under a state charter,) that no work treating of that subject could be looked upon as complete, did it not contain as extended mention of the National Bank of Rondout as circumstances would permit. It is not, however, our purpose to speak in detail of the record of this truly representative institution, for it is well known to resident merchants and manufacturers, who will agree that the management have always had the best interests of Kingston at heart, and have acted with ability and zeal to advance those interests by all honorable means. The president, Mr. Abraham Hasbrouck, and the vice-president, Mr. Wm. Hutton, need no introduction to the business public; and the cashier, Mr. John B. Alliger, is also very widely known, and is highly esteemed as a vigorous exponent of sound banking principles. The Board of Directors is made up of the following named prominent citizens: James Oliver, George H. Sharpe, Abraham Hasbrouck, William Hutton, Frederick W. Gross, David Kennedy, Albert Terry, George S. Sleight, Charles A. Shultz, Myron Teller, Guilford Hasbrouck. The institution has a capital of \$200,000 backed up by a goodly surplus, and transacts a general banking business, including the reception of deposits, the collection of drafts, the purchase and sale of standard securities and the discounting of approved commercial paper. The accounts of corporations, of business firms, of other institutions, and of individuals are received on the most favorable terms and the valuable facilities offered are very largely availed of, and the banking-rooms are very thoroughly equipped, ample and expert assistance is employed, and all business is transacted promptly and accurately.

MISS GUSSIE BUG, Ladies' and Gents' Furnishing Goods, Woolen Yarns, Fancy Goods, Stamp- ing and Art Embroideries, No. 174 Strand, Opposite Postoffice, Rondout, N. Y.—In these days of sudden and frequent changes in fashion and sharp and intelligent competition, it is no easy matter to carry on a really first-class furnishing goods store, for the stock of such an establishment must of necessity be large and varied, must be so frequently renewed as always to include the latest fashionable novelties, and the goods of which it is composed must be sold at a narrow margin of profit in order to be disposed of as rapidly as is necessary. Consequently first-class stores of this kind are not common, and as that of which Miss Gussie Bug is the proprietress is thoroughly first-class it naturally follows that it enjoys a very large share of the patronage of residents of this section. The business was founded by Simon Brothers, in 1880, and since 1890 has been carried on under the able management of its present proprietress. The premises utilized have an area of 425 square feet and contain as full and desirable a stock of ladies' and gents' furnishing goods, also woolen yarns, fancy goods, stamping and art embroideries, etc., as can be found in this city. But we don't propose to attempt to describe it for the simple reason that it is replenished so frequently and largely that any description of it would soon be "out of date." Suffice it to say that it comprises full lines of staple articles as well as many of the latest and most attractive novelties, and that the goods are in every instance guaranteed to prove as represented and sold at positively bottom figures. Callers are assured prompt and courteous attention, employment being given to experienced assistants.

JOHN S. THOMPSON, Pork Packer, Hams, Shoulders, Beef, Pork, Bacon, Lard, Bologna, Pack- ing House, Hunter Street, Rondout, N. Y.—While it is unquestionably true that a great deal of the talk about diseased pork is exaggerated beyond all bounds of reason and common-sense, it is also true that it has had an effect upon the public and that most of us feel more comfortable if we know we are using pork and pork products that come from a strictly reliable source. This is one reason why the business carried on by Mr. John S. Thompson, dealer in hams, shoulders, pork, beef, lard, bologna and general pork packer, has reached such large proportions, for it was founded away back in 1846, by the father of the present proprietor, and has been carried on ever since by members of the Thompson family in a manner that has inspired absolute confidence in the quality of the goods handled. Mr. John S. Thompson has had sole control since 1883, and has fully maintained the reputation of the quality of the goods supplied and the promptness and accuracy of the service, but also as regards the quoting of positively bottom prices, quality considered, on all the articles dealt in. The packing house is located on Hunter Street, the premises comprising three floors of the dimensions of 60 x 200 feet, and being fitted up with an elaborate plant of the most improved style. Employment is given to eight assistants in summer and twenty in winter, and the delivery facilities are always maintained at a high standard of efficiency. The hams, shoulders, beef, pork, bacon, lard and bologna furnished by Mr. Thompson will give satisfaction to the most critical trade, and their uniform excellence justifies their being fully guaranteed in every respect.

NATHAN ELLIS, Merchant Tailor and Clothier, Gents' Furnishing Goods, Hats, Etc., Mansion House Building, Rondout, N. Y.—The question of where to get fashionable, well made and durable clothing at the lowest market rates, is one of great importance in every civilized community, for proper self-respect prompts us to dress well, and ordinary prudence counsels us to get the largest possible return for our money. A large proportion of the residents of Rondout and vicinity have answered this question to their entire satisfaction by making their purchases at the establishment conducted by Mr. Nathan Ellis, and all competent judges who will examine the goods there offered and note the prices, will agree that one might easily go a great deal farther and fare a great deal worse, for the stock is remarkably complete and attractive, and the prices are as low as the lowest. Mr. Ellis founded his business in 1867, and the clothing business under his direct management is maintained at a high standard of efficiency. The store is located at No. 17 Union Avenue, in the "Mansion House Building," and occupies one floor, 20 x 50 feet in dimensions. It is well arranged and contains a full line of ready-made clothing, together with a complete assortment of gentlemen's furnishing goods, hats and caps, etc. The latest fashionable novelties are well represented and the goods are sold strictly on their merits and at bottom prices. Two competent and well informed assistants are employed and every caller is assured courteous as well as prompt attention.



FERRY STREET, RONDOUT.

JOHN McCAUSLAND, Real Estate and Insurance Agent, Ferry Street, Rondout, N. Y.—It is comparatively easy to decide as to the placing of fire insurance, for all the leading fire companies offer practically equal advantages, and the question to be considered is one of convenience rather than of cost or of security, but when a life policy is to be taken out the situation is essentially different, and amid the conflicting claims of the many competing companies it is very difficult for one who has given the matter no special study to decide which is most worthy of patronage. The writer, in common with thousands of others all over the country, thinks that the companies for which Mr. McCausland acts offer the most efficient, reliable, convenient and economical service. The agency conducted by Mr. John McCausland was founded in 1873, and has a record which amply justifies the unusual degree of confidence placed in it by those most familiar with the methods practised. Mr. McCausland is highly respected throughout Rondout and vicinity. His office is located in the "Cornell Building," on Ferry Street. He is in a position to quote positively bottom rates, and the character of the insurance he offers can better be understood by careful examination of the following list. Fire insurance companies:—Franklin, of Philadelphia; Fireman's Fund, of San Francisco, Cal.; Orient, of Hartford, Conn.; United States, of New York; Providence Washington, of Providence, R. I.; Greenwich, of New York; Peoples, of Manchester, N. H.; British America Assurance Co., of Toronto; Concordia, of Milwaukee, Wis.; Phenix, of Brooklyn, N. Y. Marine Companies:—Boston, of Boston; Greenwich, of New York; Home, of New York; Providence Washington, of Providence, R. I.; Standard Accident Insurance Co., of Detroit, Mich.; New York Life Insurance Co., of New York; American Casualty Insurance and Security Co., of Baltimore City; Lloyds Plate Glass Insurance Co., of N. Y., and many others. Mr. McCausland is agent, and prepared to issue fire, marine, life and accident policies at the lowest rates and on the most favorable terms. Attention given to the purchase and sale of real estate and the collection of rents.

HENRY BLOSS, Beef, Veal, Mutton, Lamb, Pork, Etc., Salt and Smoked Meats, No. 85 Abeel Street, Rondout, N. Y.—It is said that every man, who has never tried any of them, is confident that he can do three things—drive a horse, run a hotel, and edit a newspaper—and it is probable that about every man who has never "been there" thinks that he could manage a meat market—and so undoubtedly he could, after a fashion, but the chances are that the fashion would not be acceptable to the public or profitable to himself, for there is an immense amount of detail in the meat business, and it is no easy task to look after it as it should be looked after. For this reason really first-class meat markets are rather scarce articles, but Rondout has her full share of them, and one of the best may be found at No. 85 Abeel Street. This establishment was originally opened to the public by Mr. C. Chick, who was succeeded by the present proprietor, Mr. Henry Bloss, in 1880, and now contains a fine stock of beef, veal, mutton, lamb, pork, etc., and in fact, fresh, salt and smoked meats of all kinds. These goods are carefully chosen and obtained from the most reliable sources, so they can be confidently guaranteed to suit the most fastidious. No fancy prices are quoted, on the contrary the goods are offered at the lowest market rates, and the most economically disposed buyer can trade here to advantage, especially as competent assistants are employed, ensuring prompt attention to every caller.

L. SHORT, Instantaneous Photographic Artist, No. 161 Strand, Rondout, N. Y.—Photography is a beautifully simple art in theory, but like many other things that look simple enough "on paper," as the saying is, its practice calls for long experience and a high degree of expertness, that is if really good work is to be done. There are but few intelligent people who cannot tell a really good photographic portrait when they see it, and therefore when we advise our readers to call at the studio of Mr. L. Short, which is located on the third floor of No. 161 Strand, and inspect the large collection of specimens of his work there exhibited, we feel that those who do so will need no argument to convince them, that the gentleman referred to, is one of the most artistic photographers in this section. He is a native of Woolstock, Ulster County, and is well known throughout this town. The undertaking of which he is the proprietor was established in 1874 by himself, and the rooms occupied by Mr. Short cover an area of some 2,000 square feet, and are appropriately fitted up for the particular purpose for which they are intended to be used; the convenience and comfort of patrons, and the production of uniformly first-class work, being the governing consideration. Mr. Short is prepared to furnish instantaneous photographs of all sizes and styles in a faithful and artistic manner. A specialty is made of crayon work. He employs one competent assistant, and uses the most improved apparatus obtainable, leaving nothing to chance but putting himself in a position to guarantee complete satisfaction by neglecting no means to attain results beyond reasonable criticism. His prices are moderate and every caller is assured prompt and courteous attention.

HERMAN C. LANG, Wagon and Sleigh Maker, Wagons and Sleighs Trimmed and Painted, Horseshoeing and Jobbing Promptly Attended to, Abeel Street, Near Delaware and Hudson Canal Co.'s Yard, Rondout, N. Y.—Just so surely as two and two make four will honest materials and skilful workmanship make wagons and sleighs that can be depended upon in every respect, and it is because of this fact and because he uses carefully chosen materials and handles them skilfully that Mr. Herman C. Lang is prepared to fully guarantee every vehicle he makes. But there is little if any need of his doing so, as far as the residents of Rondout are concerned for Mr. Lang, who is a native of Rondout, has carried on business under his own name since 1889. This business was founded in 1857 by Mr. Christian Lang, father of the present proprietor. Mr. Herman Lang is a wagon and sleigh maker, and has every facility at his command to do making, trimming, painting, etc., at short notice. Horseshoeing and jobbing will also be promptly attended to. Mr. Lang occupies premises located on Abeel Street, near Delaware and Hudson Canal Co.'s Yard covering an area of 2,800 square feet. Three competent assistants are constantly employed. Wagons and sleighs may be bought here to excellent advantage and the purchaser has the satisfaction of knowing that every vehicle is sold under a guarantee that it will prove as represented.

F. STEPHAN, Wholesale and Retail Dealer in Flour, Feed, Oats and Hay, Washburn's Best Flour a Specialty, also Dealer in the Finest Quality of Brick-Moulding Sand, No. 152 Abeel Street, Rondout, N. Y.—The gentleman whose card we print above, Mr. Frederick Stephan, is a native of Alsace, Germany, but has lived in the United States nearly all his life, and has long been very prominently identified with the business and the general interests of this section of the Empire State, both as a merchant and a public man, he having carried on his present enterprise ever since 1845 and having served two terms in the New York Legislature. Mr. Stephan is a wholesale and retail dealer in flour, feed, oats and hay, making a specialty of Washburn's best flour and being prepared to furnish it in large or small lots at positively the lowest market rates. He is also a dealer in the finest quality of brick-moulding sand. The premises utilized by him are located at No. 152 Abeel Street, and comprise three floors, each 35 x 65 in dimensions, so that ample opportunity is given for the carrying of a very large stock, and it is fully improved, the assortment being at all times complete in every department and Mr. Stephan being in a position to fill the largest wholesale orders without delay and to furnish goods of guaranteed quality at prices strictly in accordance with the lowest prevailing rates.

JOHN PETTIT, Manufacturer of Powder Kegs, Kingston, N. Y.—It would seem at first thought as if there could not be a great deal of gunpowder used in this country nowadays, for there is comparatively little shooting done excepting during a few months of the year, and dynamite, nitro-glycerine, and other explosives have largely superseded gunpowder for blasting purposes; but investigation will show that the annual production of gunpowder is very large in amount and hence it follows that there must be much more of a demand for it than would be supposed. Another indication of the magnitude of the business is afforded by the magnitude of tributary industries, for instance that of powder keg manufacturing; and the residents of Kingston and vicinity should know something of that, for this city contains one of the oldest powder keg factories in the country, and also one of the best known among the trade. The proprietor, Mr. John Pettit, is a native of England and has carried on his present establishment for nearly a third of a century, or since 1860. It is fitted up with a complete plant of machinery driven by water-power, and the output is in the vicinity of 200 kegs per day; employment being given to eight assistants. Hence Mr. Pettit is in a position to fill orders at short notice, and considering his long experience and his complete facilities, we need hardly add that he is prepared to quote prices as low as the lowest.

JOHN J. MURPHY, Attv., dealer in Coffins, Caskets, Habits, Robes, Etc., Undertaking and Practical Embalming Promptly Attended to; Night Calls Promptly Attended to; Office and Residence, Nos. 118 and 120 Union Avenue, Three Doors South of St. Mary's Church, Rondout, N. Y.—The business carried on by Mr. John J. Murphy was founded in 1877, and its prompt success and steady development prove that there was a genuine and decided demand for the enterprise. Its prompt recognition and liberal support were due in a great measure to the standing of the man identified with it as the proprietor. Mr. Murphy is a native of Rondout and is one of the best-known undertakers and embalmers in this vicinity. His office and residence are located at Nos. 118 and 120 Union Avenue, three doors south of St. Mary's Church. Mr. Murphy is a dealer in coffins, caskets, habits, robes, etc., and is prepared to supply any style or size desired at very short notice: a large and varied stock being constantly carried. Undertaking and practical embalming is also promptly attended to, night calls being given immediate attention. The lowest market rates are quoted in both departments of the business and the proprietor will be found thoroughly well prepared to execute all orders for anything in the line of funeral goods, or in that relating to undertaking and practical embalming as he gives close personal supervision to all branches of this business.

JACOB HEROLD, Ship Chandlery, Wholesale and Retail, Junk Dealer and Dealer in New and Second-hand Hardware, Canvas, New and Old Rope, Anchors, Chains, Blocks, Iron, Copper, Brass, Rubber, Etc., Etc., Opposite Rhinebeck Ferry, No. 217 Strand, Rondout, N. Y.—It seems a somewhat curious thing that in civilized countries where there are facilities at hand for the manufacturing of everything required in modern life, in any quantity that may be called for, there is actually much less waste than there is in lands where ordinary commodities are much harder to obtain. What is known in this country as a “junk store,” does not exist in barbarous regions, for the simple reason that there are no means at hand to work the “junk” over again and thus greatly increase its commercial value. It is very convenient for the average householder to have a man come and carry off the accumulation of old rags, iron, etc., that gather so quickly in the ordinary house, and indeed such a visit proves both convenient and profitable, for the junk dealer stands ready to pay a fair price for the articles that are of use to him, and thus not only carries away your rubbish, but pays you for the privilege. Mr. Jacob Herold, doing business at No. 217 Strand, has become well known as one who pays the highest cash prices and manages his business with liberality as well as skill. This business was founded in 1861, by Mr. Herold, and he is both a wholesale and retail dealer in ship chandlery, new and second hand hardware, canvas, new and old rope, anchors, chains, blocks, iron, copper, brass, etc., etc., besides all kinds of old junk. He is a native of Germany, enterprising and liberal in all his business transactions and is very well known and esteemed in Rondout.

JAMES TONGUE, JR., dealer in Choice Family Groceries, Provisions, Flour, Etc., Fruits and Vegetables in their Season, Orders Receive Prompt Attention, No. 24 Union Avenue, Corner Mill Street, Rondout, N. Y.—Many a housekeeper is looking for just such an establishment as that carried on by Mr. James Tongue, Jr., at No. 24 Union Avenue, corner of Mill Street, and we take pleasure in recommending this enterprise to such inquirers, for we know that this gentleman's methods are bound to please, and we know that those who have business dealings with this concern are outspoken in their approval of the accommodations offered. Operations were begun in 1874, and the trade has since been steadily increasing. Mr. Tongue is a native of this town and has a large circle of friends in this vicinity. The premises utilized comprise one floor, 25 x 50 feet in dimensions, and the stock on hand is not only large but unusually varied as well, as it includes choice family groceries, provisions, flour, etc., fruits and vegetables in their season. It will be seen that the greater part of the household food supply may be obtained of Mr. Tongue, Jr., and as his prices are all that can be reasonably desired as regards fairness, etc., it is well worth while giving him a call. The groceries and provisions comprise the best the markets afford and the canned goods handled are various in kind and best in quality, while everything handled in stock is received direct from the producers and are quoted at prices as low as the lowest. Two competent and obliging assistants are employed so that all orders receive prompt attention.

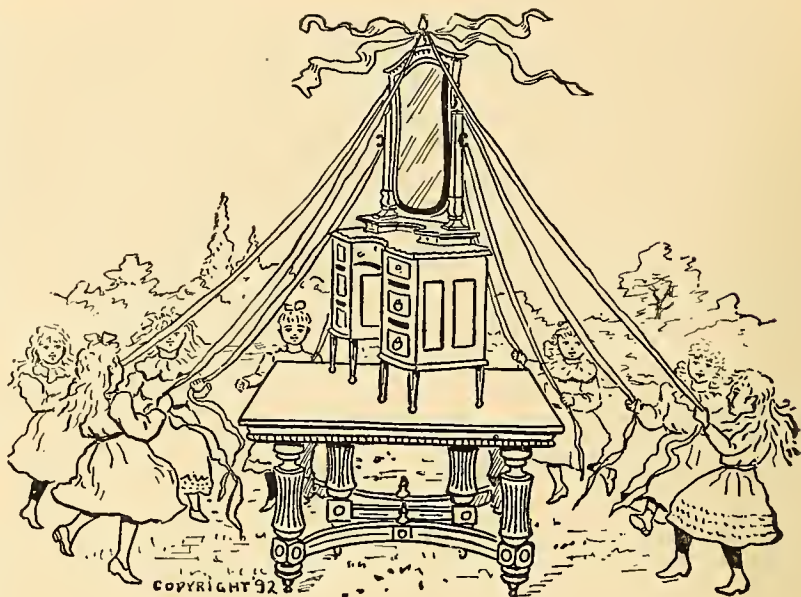
P. J. EIGO, Merchant Tailor, Corner Canal and Strand, Rondout, N. Y.—With a thorough knowledge of the business, and having acquired the reputation of expert, as a cutter of fashionable and artistic clothing, Mr. P. J. Eigo has established at corner Strand and Canal Street, what is now one of the most popular tailoring establishments in this town. It is doubtless equal to any other in Rondout, and is well arranged for the display of stock, which includes a choice assortment of foreign and domestic woolsens. The line of goods carried is sure to meet the wants of the most fastidious and fashionable. The stock shown by Mr. Eigo is from the best manufacturers, and contains all the latest novelties. Competent assistants are employed and the premises utilized comprise one floor, 20 x 20 feet in dimensions. Mr. Eigo established his present business of merchant tailoring many years ago and has acquired a reputation for strict attention to business, liberality in all his dealings, and care in the fit and fashion of garments, suits being made up in the latest styles and patterns at lowest prices, while qualities are guaranteed satisfactory, this fact having much to do with the success he has attained. All work is done promptly, and always when promised and the prices are sure to prove satisfactory.

CHRIS. A. MURRAY, Insurance and Real Estate, The Strand, Corner of Hasbrouck Avenue, Rondout, N. Y.—The gentleman whose card we print above is a native of Rondout and is one of the most generally and favorably known of our Rondout business men for he is active, enterprising and progressive and has important business relations with many of the leading mercantile and industrial concerns of this section. It is not strictly in accordance with usage to speak of Mr. Murray as a “business” man, for as a lawyer he is of course considered and referred to as a “professional” man; but from our point of view the first form of reference is the more correct, for we mention Mr. Murray especially in his business capacity—as an insurance and real estate agent—rather than as a lawyer, although “the weighty business of the law” is his chief occupation. His offices are on the second floor of the MacMillan building, corner of the Strand and Hasbrouck Avenue, and such of our readers as wish to secure fire, life or accident insurance would do well to give him a call, for he represents a goodly number of the leading British and American insurance companies and is prepared to place large or small lines of insurance at short notice and at favorable rates, the interests of the insured as well as those of the insurers being fully protected.

C. L. DRAUTZ, Carriage Painter, Abeel Street, Rondout, N. Y.—Not only the appearance but the durability of a vehicle is dependent upon the manner in which it is painted, and those who think to save money by letting their carriages go uncared for in this respect, make a great mistake. Carriage painting is a business by itself, and in order to be sure of attaining the best results, it is necessary to place orders with one who makes a specialty of such work, and has both the facilities and the experience to enable him to guarantee satisfaction to the most critical. Such a man is Mr. C. L. Drautz, doing business on Abeel Street, Rondout, and we take pleasure in recommending him to our readers, for those who have had dealings with him speak in the highest terms of his skill and reliability. Mr. Drautz is a native of Rondout, and has carried on his business of carriage painting since 1882, which has steadily increased since its inception. He employs competent and reliable assistants, thus being in a position to fill all orders at short notice. Carriage painting in all its branches will be done in a thoroughly workmanlike manner, carefully selected materials being used and the durability as well as the beauty of the work being given due consideration. Repainting and varnishing will be done with neatness and dispatch, and at reasonable rates. Mr. Drautz is a thorough master of his business in all its details, and has gained the highest respect of all who are acquainted with his reliable business methods.

GEORGE L. WACHMEYER

Manufacturer of Fine Furniture, No. 178 Strand and No. 31 Ferry Street, Factory on Catherine Street, Rondout, N. Y.—There are almost, if not fully, as many varieties of furniture as there are of clothing, of boots and shoes, or of any other commodity which is in universal demand, but all these many varieties of furniture may be classed under one or the other of two heads,—goods “made to sell” and goods “made to use.” Or in other words, one kind of furniture is dependent almost entirely upon the apparent lowness of the prices quoted upon it for its popularity; the other is in demand because it is attractive and correct in style, satisfactory in material and excellent in workmanship. The goods manufactured and sold by Mr. George L. Wachmeyer belong to the latter class, as is well known to such of our readers as have long resided in Rondout or vicinity, for Mr. Wachmeyer has carried on operations here ever since 1854, and from the very first has produced fine furniture of uniformly superior quality. His factory is a spacious and well-equipped three-story edifice, located on Catherine Street and his warerooms are located at No. 178 Strand and No. 31 Ferry Street, and comprise four floors of the dimensions of 30 x 85 feet. A very large and complete stock is constantly carried, it being made up exclusively of new and attractive styles as no old patterns are allowed to accumulate. Thus the purchaser is sure of obtaining goods correct in every respect, and also of obtaining them at the lowest market rates, quality considered; Mr. Wachmeyer's long experience and extensive facilities enabling him to meet all competition in price as well as in quality. Adequate assistance is employed, and callers are assured prompt and courteous attention.



CANFIELD STOVE CO., Manufacturers, Wholesale and Retail Dealers, Stoves, Ranges, Heaters, Furnaces, Steam and Hot Water Heating, Plumbing, Gas Fitting, Galvanized Cornices, Skylights, Copper, Granite, and Sheet-iron Ware, Housekeeper's Supplies, Nos. 166 Strand and 19 Ferry Street, Rondout, N. Y.—As a rule it is always best to go to headquarters for needed supplies, and hence it is a most excellent idea to go direct to the Canfield Stove Company when you want anything in the line of stoves, heaters, ranges, furnaces, steam and hot water heating apparatus, plumbing supplies, etc., for this concern are manufacturers of and wholesale and retail dealers in such goods; and whether your order be large or small they are in a position to fill it promptly, satisfactorily, and at positively bottom rates. The business was established away back in 1850 and is under the management of Mr. P. A. Canfield, who is a native of Dutchess County, and is one of the best known of our Rondout business men. He gives close supervision to the company's affairs and is very successful in maintaining the service in all its departments at a high standard of efficiency. Spacious and well-equipped premises, located at No. 166 Strand and No. 19 Ferry Street, are occupied, and a very large and varied stock is constantly carried; it comprising not only the latest and most improved and efficient types of cooking and heating stoves, ranges, heaters, furnaces, steam and hot water heating apparatus, etc., but also tin, copper, granite and sheet-iron ware, housekeeper's supplies, pumps, sinks, iron, lead and sewer pipe, gas pipe, steam pipe, etc. Employment is given to twenty assistants, and orders for plumbing, steam and gas fitting, cornice and skylight work, and general jobbing, are assured prompt and skilful attention.

J. A. VIGNES, Watchmaker, Jeweller and Engraver, and Dealer in Diamonds, Watches, Clocks, Jewelry, Solid Silver and Plated Ware, Etc., Nos. 160½ Strand, Rondout, N. Y.—The stock carried by Mr. J. A. Vignes is worthy the careful inspection of all who contemplate the purchase of anything in the line of diamonds, jewelry and silverware, for the assortment shown is unusually complete in every department, and what is more, the prices quoted are remarkably low, considering the quality of the goods. The business under consideration was originally founded in 1840, by Mr. John Vignes, father of the present proprietor. Mr. James A. Vignes was born in Kingston, and is well known throughout Rondout and vicinity, having succeeded his father in business in 1877. The premises occupied by him are located at No. 160½ Strand, where some very beautiful goods are offered to select from, and the most fastidious cannot fail to find articles to please them at this establishment, for not only is Mr. Vignes a watchmaker and jeweller, but also deals in diamonds, watches, clocks, jewelry, also solid silver and plated ware, etc. A competent assistant is employed, and particular care is taken to make no representations that are not fully justified by the facts; and hence the most inexperienced buyer may trade here with the assurance of obtaining just what he pays for. Special attention is given to repairing and engraving, and those who have valuable articles that need cleaning or repairing, will find Mr. Vignes prepared to do the work in a skilful as well as perfectly satisfactory manner.

L. & R. KAPLAN, Rondout Cheap Store, Groceries, Fruit, and Confectionery, Cashin's Building, No. 189 The Strand, and Union Avenue, Corner Meadow Street, Rondout, N. Y.—The phrase, "goods of strictly dependable quality," is very lightly used nowadays, so lightly in fact that much of its meaning has been lost, but in no other words can the character of the commodities handled by Messrs. L. & R. Kaplan be so fully described, for although they are many in number and varied in kind, they are all literally and truly "of strictly dependable quality," and consequently will prove just as represented in every respect. Messrs. Kaplan are natives of Russia, and have been identified with their present enterprise since 1891, having succeeded to the old-established business of Walter Simpson & Co. The premises made use of are located in Cashin's building, at No. 189 The Strand, and comprise one floor, 50 x 75 feet in dimensions, for an exceptionally heavy stock is carried, comprising groceries, liquors, wines, fruits, cigars, tobacco, ice-cream in season, confectionery, etc., and other commodities usually found in a first-class grocery store. Messrs. Kaplan do both a wholesale and retail business and quote the lowest market rates on all the articles in which they deal, believing in quick sales and small profits. Employment is given to one assistant and callers are assured prompt and polite attention, orders being accurately delivered at short notice. They also conduct a store on Union Avenue, corner Meadow Street, where a full line of groceries, etc., is constantly on hand. These gentlemen were in the same business for three years in Stottville, N. Y.

T. W. WADSWORTH, dealer in Blank Books, Stationery, School Books, Artists' Materials, Wall-paper, Window-shades, Etc., No. 21 Union Avenue, Rondout, N. Y.—The store of Mr. T. W. Wadsworth, at No. 21 Union Avenue, always contains a very large and carefully chosen stock of books, stationery, school and office supplies, etc., and as the prices quoted are in every instance as low as the lowest, it is not surprising that this should be a very popular and well patronized establishment. The business was founded in 1875 by the present proprietor, who is a native of Hartford, Conn. The premises utilized comprise three floors, 15 x 50 feet in dimensions, and are fitted up with all necessary facilities for the carrying on of the large retail business done. Artists' materials, wall-paper, window-shades, etc., are largely dealt in, while particular attention is given to blank books, having constantly in stock a full line in all the various sizes, binding and ruling, now in common use, while the paper and durability is fully guaranteed, and a specialty is made of books used for records, ledgers, journals and all books where accuracy of ruling and great strength and durability of binding are required. In short, this house is prepared thoroughly at all points to maintain its leading position and the more fully its resources are tested, the more conclusively will it be proved that it has no rival in its own special field.

MORRIS HYMES, Merchant Tailor, and Ready-made Clothing, No. 19 Union Avenue, Rondout, N. Y.—It is difficult to see what greater inducements could be offered to those in need of clothing, etc., than extended by Mr. Morris Hymes, for this gentleman is not only a first-class merchant tailor, but is also a large dealer in ready-made clothing, so he is admirably prepared to cater to all classes of trade, and well deserves the extensive patronage this enterprise receives. It was inaugurated in 1880, by Messrs. H. Hymes and son, and the present proprietor assuming control in 1886. Mr. Hymes is a native of this town, and is prominently identified in business circles. The store occupied is located at No. 19 Union Avenue, and measures 20 x 62 feet in dimensions, and a large and complete stock of foreign and domestic fabrics for gentlemen's wear, besides a fine stock of ready-made clothing and furnishing goods is carried. The facilities for the doing of custom work in a superior manner at short notice are excellent, employing only experienced assistants and the business being so systematized that every order is assured prompt and painstaking attention. The charges made are as low as is consistent with the use of suitable materials and the employment of skilled labor, and this applies to the ready-made, as well as to the custom department, for this house handles no goods made only "to sell," their policy being to deal only in such articles as can safely be guaranteed to prove as represented.

THE MISSES A. & M. ATKINSON, Millinery, No. 25 Union Avenue, Rondout, N. Y.—We believe it has never been satisfactorily demonstrated just who or what is the "leader of fashion," the fact being that certain articles are fashionable while others are not, while apparently there is not the least reason for the distinction. Still the saying goes, "as well be out of the world as out of the fashion," and as the ladies of Rondout and vicinity are far from being "out of the world" it is not surprising that they should have strong objections to being "out of the fashion." There is certainly no reason why they should become so, as our local dealers show decided enterprise in offering the latest novelties to their patrons, and indeed so far as millinery and millinery goods are concerned, one would have to journey a good way to find a more desirable assortment of fashionable novelties that may be seen at the establishment conducted by the Misses A. & M. Atkinson, whose store is located at No. 25 Union Avenue. These ladies have had great experience in connection with their present business, which was founded by them in 1855. It would be useless for us to mention the stock in detail for it is constantly changing, and always comprises the leading novelties, so that a description would be "out of date" before it would reach the public. Five competent assistants are employed and low prices are uniformly quoted in every department of the business.

W. B. TERWILLIGER, (Formerly with Stebbins, Brodhead & Van Wagenen.) The One Price Hatter, Hats, Caps and Mourning Bands, Trunks, Satchels and Umbrellas, Children's Fancy Goods a Specialty, Next to Rondout P. O.—Theory and practice are supposed to agree of course, but it is notorious that they sometimes diverge in a most singular and noticeable manner. In theory every dealer in certain goods in a certain community should have to sell at uniform rates, as otherwise those who charged the higher prices would do no business at all, but in practice, all of us know that such is far from being the case. Probably in no line of business is this more noticeable than in that devoted to the sale of hats, caps, etc., for precisely similar goods are sold at greatly varying prices by different dealers. Of course the wise man buys where he can get the most for his money, and in this connection we may fittingly call attention to the establishment conducted by Mr. W. B. Terwilliger, whose store is located next to the postoffice in this town, for here are quoted prices as low as the lowest, on goods that will surely give entire satisfaction. This enterprise was started in 1888, by the present proprietor. He is a native of this town, and caters to all classes of trade, carries a very extensive and varied stock of hats, caps and mourning bands, trunks, satchels and umbrellas, children's fancy goods a specialty, in general handles the very latest fashionable novelties and guarantees every article sold to prove precisely as represented.

M. H. CRANE, Groceries and Provisions, Sycamore and Catherine Streets, Rondout, N. Y.—In analyzing the popularity that the enterprise carried on by Mr. M. H. Crane unquestionably enjoys, we find that it does not seem to be due to any one thing, but rather to the impression made by his methods of doing business, when considered altogether. For instance, Mr. Crane does not claim to sell cheaper than everybody else, although he does offer his goods at the lowest market rates. Neither does he claim to carry the largest stock in this section of the town, but nevertheless the variety on hand is such that all tastes can be suited. He strives to fully satisfy every customer and give a dollar's worth of value for every dollar he receives, and it may be said that this is probably one of the chief causes of the popularity referred to. Mr. Crane is a native of New York State and has had considerable experience in his present business. He has been sole proprietor of the establishment since 1891. The premises utilized and located on Sycamore Street, corner of Catherine, comprise one floor, 15 x 15 feet in size, and contain an extensive and varied stock of groceries and provisions. All classes of trade are catered to, the prices are placed at the lowest figures consistent with the handling of dependable goods, and prompt and courteous attention is assured to every caller, there being only competent and polite assistants employed. A specialty is made of ice-cream in the season.

MRS. CAROLINE PFROMMER, Cakes, Pastry, Etc., No. 48 Union Avenue, Rondout, N. Y.—We are desirous of calling the attention of our readers to the well-known cake and pastry establishment located at No. 48 Union Avenue, which has been from its inception successful in building up an extensive trade in cakes and pastry. This enterprise was started in 1873 by Mrs. Caroline Pfrommer. The premises which comprise one floor, 20 x 40 feet in dimensions, are fully equipped with all the necessary requirements for the successful conduct of the business, the extent of which gives employment to thoroughly experienced assistants. Mrs. Pfrommer carries a fine stock in all branches of her business, and is prepared to supply customers at short notice, with any goods in her line and perfect satisfaction is guaranteed as to both quality and price. The establishment is largely patronized by families throughout the town, who appreciate first-class cakes and pastry of all kinds. Mrs. Pfrommer is well known throughout Rondout and vicinity. She is a lady of excellent business qualifications, and in her special line offers inducements to purchasers not easily duplicated.

O. J. ROTH, Prescription Pharmacist, No. 38 Union Avenue, Rondout, N. Y.—One Generally feels considerable hesitation in giving advice as to what physician shall be consulted, or at what pharmacy prescriptions shall be compounded, for the consequences of advising wrongly in either case are too grave to be lightly assumed. Still we feel perfectly sure that all who may patronize the establishment conducted by Mr. O. J. Roth, at No. 38 Union Avenue, will have no reason to regret having done so, for we know that the stock of drugs, medicines and chemicals there carried is full and complete and we also know that Mr. Roth may be depended upon to compound every prescription with which he is entrusted with care. He is a native of New York and succeeded in 1890 to the business established by his father, Chas. Roth, in 1882. The premises occupied comprise one floor, 18 x 40 feet in dimensions. They are well arranged and fitted up for the purposes for which they are used. Mr. Roth endeavors to handle only pure and fresh drugs, etc., and secures that end, as far as possible, by procuring his supplies from the most reputable sources. He is very moderate in his charges and employs one assistant, which enables him to fill all orders without undue delay, so that no mistakes can possibly occur.

GROVE WEBSTER, Livery, Sale and Exchange Stables, Telephone Call 3, Mill Street, Rondout, N. Y.—Rondout is so noted for its beautiful scenery and the excellence of its roads that there is no need of our calling attention to either of these facts in order to point out how enjoyable a drive in the vicinity of Rondout is. Few of her residents are unfamiliar with the pleasure of carriage riding, but many of them allow year after year to go by, without indulging in amusements of this kind because "they really haven't the time." There can be but one answer to this plea. If you haven't time, make it, you will find it worth your while. Nobody can afford the time to be sick, yet many are found to waste weeks on account of illness, when more out-door recreation would have preserved their health and made them more successful in business. It is by no means necessary to own a team in order to enjoy driving, for there are livery stables in abundance in this vicinity, some good, some bad, and some indifferent. Clearly belonging to the first class is the one carried on by Mr. Grove Webster, for everything in and about the premises seems to indicate first-class accommodations, and those who have made trial of the turnouts furnished here speak in the warmest terms of the enterprise and liberality of the management. Mr. Webster is a native of Delhi, and began operations in this town in 1879, and now occupies the stable located on Chamber, corner of Mill Streets. The premises afford accommodations for twenty horses, and have room for carriages of all kinds. Employment is given to four competent and reliable assistants. An extensive livery, boarding, hack, sale and exchange business is done, and stylish teams are furnished at short notice, and no pains will be spared to fully maintain the exceptional reputation now held by this establishment.

SIMON BROTHERS, Importers of German Linens; Ladies' and Gents' Furnishing Goods, Woolen Yarns, Dry Goods, Jewelry, Etc., No. 27 Union Avenue, Rondout, N. Y.—The old residents of this section of the State would certainly consider our "History of Rondout and its Leading Business Men" incomplete if we did not make mention of Simon Brothers' dry goods and furnishing house in its columns. No better proof of the reliability of this establishment could be advanced than its age, for having been inaugurated in 1868, it is now in its twenty-fourth year of existence before the public. A house which has stood the test of the public's critical gaze for this length of time is certainly worthy of commendation. The establishment in question was inaugurated by the present firm of Simon Brothers, and their goods and business methods soon found favor with the citizens of this locality. Here may be found everything in the line of dry goods, jewelry, imported German linens, ladies' and gents' furnishing goods, woolen yarns, etc. Messrs. Simon Brothers are natives of Germany, and have gained a high reputation for intelligent, progressive, and reliable business methods. They employ courteous and experienced assistants, and make it as pleasant for purchasers as possible, and also respectfully solicit a visit of inspection from the citizens of Rondout and vicinity. These gentlemen are sole agents in Kingston for Dr. Jeager's sanitary underwear.

W. J. MORRISON & CO., Wholesale and Retail Stationers, No. 75 Abeel Street, Rondout, N. Y.—Mr. W. J. Morrison, doing business under the style of W. J. Morrison & Co., is widely known throughout this vicinity and served in the army during the Rebellion; and considering that he has carried on his present business here since 1891, it is hardly necessary to add is as well known a business man as there is in town, for W. J. Morrison & Co.'s stationery store is known as the headquarters for all kinds of stationery. They carry a very complete line, comprising the very latest fashionable novelties for both private and commercial correspondence, and our readers will be glad to know that goods of standard quality may be bought here at prices below those quoted elsewhere in this vicinity, and also that the stock is exceptionally large and varied as well as desirable, and those of our readers who appreciate good articles in the above-named lines, but can't afford or don't wish to pay fancy prices for their goods, would do well to test those offered at this popular store. W. J. Morrison & Co. are constantly adding to their stock, and as the public are quick to appreciate progress and honorable business methods, it is not surprising that their establishment is largely patronized, both by wholesale and retail buyers. The goods are dependable, the prices are low, and all customers are sure of courteous and prompt attention.

PATRICK O'REILLY, Horseshoeing and Horse Dealer, Union Avenue, Rondout, N. Y.—The introduction of machinery has worked radical changes in every line of mechanical business, but probably blacksmithing has been affected least of all, for although nowadays a man may call himself a machinist and yet know little more about the trade than how to adjust a lathe or a milling machine, and to see that it does its work properly, if he is to be a blacksmith he must be able to use hand tools to some advantage, and in short must be a mechanic and not merely a machine tender. There is more difference in blacksmiths than in machinists, for the simple reason that under existing conditions more skill is required in the former trade and more opportunity given for a man to "show what he is made of," from a mechanical point of view. We take pleasure in calling favorable attention to the shop of Patrick O'Reilly, located on Union Avenue, for not only is this very completely fitted up with improved facilities of various kinds but the work turned out will bear the severest examination. Sufficient assistants are employed to ensure the prompt filling of all orders, horseshoeing being made a specialty, while moderate charges are made in every instance and we are glad to say that the extent and growth of the business, which is constantly going on, show that the liberal methods of Mr. O'Reilly are appreciated. He is largely interested in the purchase and sale of horses and always has some fine young horses to dispose of.

E. N. PARISH, Livery, Boarding, Hack, and Sale Stable, Union Avenue, Rondout, N. Y.—The premises used by Mr. E. N. Parish have been used for stable purposes for many years, these stables ranking with the oldest established in the town. They came into the possession of the present proprietor in 1890, and it is but fair to say, have not only maintained, but largely increased their popularity under his liberal and skillful management. Mr. Parish has a very large circle of friends in Rondout and vicinity. He has from the very first made a practice of using his customers well, and, as a natural consequence, his reputation for fair dealing is of the very best. The premises made use of are located on Union Avenue and are very conveniently fitted up. Mr. Parish does an extensive livery, boarding, hack, sale and exchange business and employs three competent assistants. He is prepared to furnish first-class single or double teams, at very short notice, and at rates that can but prove entirely satisfactory to every reasonable patron. Horses boarded here are assured the best of care and an abundance of suitable food, while the stalls are roomy and well ventilated. The stable is centrally located and Mr. Parish often has some very desirable animals to sell, and those who are looking for a good roadster and can appreciate the advantages gained by buying of a perfectly responsible party would do well to give him a call. Parties desiring first-class shoes made to order, or repairing at short notice at reasonable prices, would do well to see Mr. Johnston, who has an office in this building.

McCORMICK & CO., Steam Power Soap Works, Patrick McCormick, Manager, Rondout.—It is safe to say that the people have learned more about soap during the past ten years than ever before during the same length of time, for some manufacturers have spent thousands of dollars in advertising the differences between good and poor soap and the subject has been so thoroughly discussed that every person of average intelligence is pretty well informed upon it. Hence dealers find that it pays to handle soaps that can honestly be recommended, and so of course they find it profitable to handle the productions of McCormick & Co.'s steam power soap works, for this firm make a specialty of the manufacture of superior family soaps, and their productions give the best of satisfaction wherever introduced; they being made from selected materials, containing nothing in the least injurious, and being wholesaled at rates which permit their being retailed at popular prices. The establishment is under the management of Mr. Patrick McCormick, who thoroughly understands every detail of the business, and maintains the quality of the product at the highest possible standard.

JOHN W. SALZMANN, SR., Vienna Bakery, Choice Pies, Bread, Cake, Hot Rolls, Etc., Nos. 5 and 7 Sycamore Street, Rondout, N. Y.—One of those homely old sayings which seem at first hearing to be almost foolish in their simplicity is "You can't make something out of nothing." Now of course everybody knows that, and yet frequently we come across a person trying to make first-class goods out of second or third-class materials, which is only trying to make, "something out of nothing." It is hardly necessary to say that such is not the policy pursued by Mr. John W. Salzmann, for he never could have built up so large and desirable a business as he has since beginning operations in 1860, were not his goods first-class in material as well as in making. Mr. Salzmann is the proprietor of the Vienna bakery, manufacturing a superior quality of choice pies, bread, cake, hot rolls, etc., and quoting the lowest market rates at all times. Special attention is called to his Vienna bread, which is unsurpassed in the town. The premises made use of are located at Nos. 5 and 7 Sycamore Street. They comprise one floor 20 x 30 feet in dimensions, and are very completely fitted up, while the employment of six thoroughly experienced assistants enables every order to be given immediate and careful attention. An extensive wholesale and retail trade is done, and the various commodities dealt in can be supplied in any desired quantity at short notice. Mr. Salzmann gives close attention to the details of his present business, and uses the best obtainable materials, for the purchasing public are quick to appreciate liberal methods and the quality of Mr. Salzmann's productions are conceded to be unsurpassed.

DANIEL B. STOW, Insurance, Real Estate and Loan Agency, Masonic Hall, City of Kingston, Rondout, N. Y.—Among the well-known insurance and real estate agents of Rondout, we take pleasure in calling attention to Mr. Daniel B. Stow. This agency was founded in 1860, by him, and in 1870 the firm-name was changed to Stow & Benson and so conducted until 1890, when the latter gentleman died, and the present business is carried on by Mr. Stow. His office is located on the second floor of the Masonic Hall Building, No. 157 The Strand. He is well known as a man whose advice and assistance may be asked by any one desiring information relating to the holding or insuring of property. Mr. Stow is extensively known in real estate and insurance circles and is considered as thoroughly competent authority in regard to local property. He is prepared to loan money on bond and mortgages and to attend to all details involved in the real estate and insurance business, and, in fact, to assume the functions and responsibilities of a confidential agent. This gentleman represents some of the largest and oldest insurance companies of Europe and the United States, as will be seen from the following list of some of the principal ones: Home, of New York; Hartford, of Hartford; National, of Hartford; Commerce, of Albany; Insurance Company of North America, of Philadelphia; Liverpool and London and Globe Royal, of London; Commercial Union, of London; Northern, of London; Guardian, of London; Lancashire, of Manchester; Fidelity and Casualty Accident and Plate Glass; Union Assurance Society. All information on insurance matters will be cheerfully given by Mr. Stow at his office.

SOLOMON VOGEL, Empire Sale and Exchange Stable, No. 86 Abeel Street, Rondout, N. Y.—Considering that it is almost impossible to find two men who will agree on all points as to what constitutes a good horse, it is not at all strange that no stable-keeper ever lived who perfectly satisfied everybody, but of course there is a good deal of difference observable in the methods practised at the various public stables, and as we wish our readers to go where they will be assured prompt and polite attention and thoroughly first-class service in every respect, we take pleasure in calling their favorable attention to the establishment conducted by Mr. Solomon Vogel, for this is one of the best equipped sale and exchange stables in Rondout, and the management is liberal, enterprising and reliable. The Empire Sale and Exchange Stable was originally founded by its present proprietor in 1857. He is a native of Germany, and his long experience in his line of business here in Rondout gives reason for trusting the most valuable of horses to his care. His stable is located at No. 86 Abeel Street, and is 1800 square feet in dimensions, being thoroughly fitted up with every facility required in such an establishment. Horses placed here on sale, or for exchange are assured the best of care and an abundance of proper food, and will be shown to their best advantage, and to the satisfaction of their owners.

FRIEDRICH A. AHLERS, Groceries and Provisions, also Canned Goods, Corner of Hone and Hunter Streets, Rondout, N. Y.—We know of no establishment in this vicinity, of a similar character, more worthy of commendation than that of which Mr. Friedrich A. Ahlers is the proprietor, located at the corner of Hone and Hunter Streets, and we are sure that it only needs a careful trial of the accommodations he supplies to convince any unprejudiced person that our favorable opinion has excellent foundation in fact. Mr. Ahlers is a native of Germany, and succeeded Mr. Coolvel in 1885, he having founded the establishment in 1860. The stock constantly dealt in is made up of fine staple and fancy groceries, especially selected for family trade, also choice provisions of all kinds as well as canned goods of the most popular brands. Mr. Ahlers owes much of the reputation he enjoys as an honorable business man, to his invariable practice of never misrepresenting any article in the slightest degree intentionally. Errors may sometimes occur, but such will be cheerfully rectified when attention is called to them, and no trouble is spared to satisfy every customer. There are efficient and polite assistants employed, and orders can thus be filled without delay, and will be delivered, if desired, to any address, and as the goods handled are all sold at the lowest market rates, it is but natural that a large retail business should be done.

WM. SAHLOFF, dealer in Choice Groceries and Provisions, Flour, Feed, Wooden and Willow Ware, Etc., All Goods Delivered Free of Charge, Hasbrouck Avenue, Rondout, N. Y.—Were we asked to name half a dozen of the most prominent grocery houses in this section of the State, one that we should most certainly mention among the number would be that conducted by Mr. Wm. Sahloff, for this was inaugurated in 1884, and has long held a high position among the representative undertakings of its kind, both as regards the methods employed in its management and its popularity throughout the community. Mr. Sahloff certainly needs no introduction to our Rondout readers, and his enterprising business methods have made him known by reputation at least, throughout this vicinity. The premises are located at No. 123 Hasbrouck Avenue, and contain a large stock of choice groceries and provisions, fish, ham, lard, canned goods; also feed, wooden and willow ware, etc. This stock is as exceptional in quality as it is in magnitude, and it is generally conceded among consumers that goods obtained at this establishment are sure to prove entirely satisfactory. Mr. Sahloff does a strictly retail trade, and is prepared to fill the most extensive orders without delay and at positively the lowest market rates, every facility being at hand to ensure the accurate filling of orders and prompt delivery of goods free of charge. In consequence of his rapidly increasing business, Mr. Sahloff has found it necessary to erect a new and spacious store opposite the old location.

WILLIAM FORDE, Retail Dealer in Boots, Shoes, Rubbers, Etc., Custom Work a Specialty, No. 72 Abeel Street, Rondout, N. Y.—Considering the important influence that is exerted by what is worn on the feet—not only on one's personal appearance, but also on one's health as well—it is not surprising that many people should find it harder to select a durable pair of shoes, than any other article of dress, therefore, in order to obtain reliable and satisfactory foot-covering, dependence must be placed in the dealer, and when we say Mr. William Forde guards the interests of his customers as though they were his own, we only voice the opinion of many of those familiar with his business methods. This establishment was originally founded in 1880, having thus been under the able management of its present proprietor for the past twelve years. Mr. Forde is well known among the enterprising business men in Rondout, and now occupies premises at No. 72 Abeel Street, where an extensive retail business is done in boots, shoes, rubbers, etc., and the stock carried is sufficiently comprehensive to include all sizes, shapes, kinds and conditions of foot wear. Special attention is given to custom work, all orders being promptly attended to, and satisfaction is guaranteed in every particular. The proprietor of this establishment warrants every article leaving his establishment to prove as represented, whether from the retail or custom departments.

THOMAS PARTLAN, Blacksmith and Horseshoer, No. 41 Hasbrouck Avenue, Rondout, N. Y.—That not a few valuable horses have been spoiled by improper shoeing is a fact that no well-informed person will deny, and that hundreds of animals have gone lame and had to be taken off the road for a long or a short time, simply because the man that shod them, didn't know his business, is also a well-established and generally understood fact, therefore no horse owner can afford to let everybody who claims to be practical horseshoers shoe his horse, until he has satisfied himself that the job will be skilfully and carefully done. Mr. Thomas Partlan, whose shop is located at No. 41 Hasbrouck Avenue, pays particular attention to shoeing trotting and driving horses, and we can cordially recommend him to our readers, for we know he has not his superior in Rondout. Mr. Partlan is a native of this town and consequently very well known and does a large business, in general blacksmithing as well as horseshoeing. Since he began operations, in 1872, he has proved that he knows his business in every detail, and is always ready to do a first-class job at a fair price. The premises occupied are of the dimensions of 100 x 25 feet, and are well fitted up for the prompt carrying out of orders for horseshoeing and blacksmithing of all kinds, and the charges made are sure to be moderate, for Mr. Partlan has built up a very desirable business by dealing honorably by every customer. A specialty of horseshoeing for interfering, over-reaching, contracted feet, corns and quarter cracks is made at this place. Shoes made from paper drafts and forwarded to any part of the country. Wagon work is also done here.

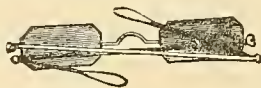
JOHN F. HALLORAN, Practical Plumber, Steam and Gas Fitter, also Dealer in Stoves, Ranges, Tin, Copper, Sheet-iron and Britannia Ware, Pumps, Sinks, Lead and Iron Pipe, Hot Air Furnaces Fitted up and Repaired, No. 201 Strand, Rondout, N. Y.—In the light of modern discovery, it seems odd that disease should be looked upon as inevitable, and an epidemic as a judgment upon the people, and in point of fact, these views of such things have about passed away and the people are coming to know that the plumber can do more to prevent disease than the physician can to heal it. This of course is a general statement and is not applicable to every call or to every plumber either, but nevertheless, there is no denying that many a house is a hot bed of disease, that were it properly drained, etc., would be as healthful a tenement as could be wished for. Many people call themselves "plumbers." Many plumbers call themselves "sanitary engineers," but after all it is just as well to be on the safe side, and if you want to secure the services of a really reliable plumber, employ one who has had as extended experience as Mr. John F. Halloran. This gentleman founded his present establishment in 1883. He is a native of Orange County, N. J. The premises occupied and located at No. 201 Strand, comprise one floor 25 x 75 feet in dimensions. Mr. Halloran is a practical plumber, steam and gas fitter, and all orders will receive prompt and skilful attention. He is also a dealer in stoves, ranges, tin, copper, sheet-iron and Britannia ware, etc., etc. Hot air furnaces are fitted up and repaired. Competent assistants are employed, while Mr. Halloran gives personal attention to all work intrusted to him.

A. RICE, dealer in Tobacco and Cigars, Stationery and Confectionery, Musical Instruments Watches, Toys, Etc., Etc., Union Avenue, Opposite the Mansion House, Rondout, N. Y.—The business carried on by Mr. A. Rice, on Union Avenue, opposite the Mansion House, was founded about twenty-five years ago, operations having been begun in 1867 by the present proprietor, who is a native of Germany, and is a wholesale and retail dealer in tobacco and cigars, stationery and confectionery, musical instruments, watches, toys, etc., etc. The very latest novelties in fashionable stationery are always to be found at this establishment, together with a complete line of commercial stationery, blank books, etc. Toys and notions are also largely dealt in of which there is a great variety to choose from, and all the different kinds of musical instruments which are to be found elsewhere can be got here at very reasonable prices, and in addition to the handling of the goods already mentioned a full line of tobacco and cigars is always carried. Purchasers may depend upon the articles bought, for no misrepresentations are allowed here and the prices are always low. The premises occupied comprise one floor, 20 x 70 feet in dimensions, and courteous attention and prompt service is guaranteed to every caller both by Mr. Rice and his one competent and reliable assistant. A specialty is made of steel reed accordions.

CHRISTOPHER LARSEN, Painter and Paper-hanger, Hasbrouck Avenue, Rondout, N. Y.—The average business man finds it necessary to devote his attention almost exclusively to his particular branch of manufacturing or of trade, and hence in placing orders for work outside of that he wishes to place them where he can feel perfectly assured they will be satisfactorily carried out without further trouble for him. This is one reason why we feel that we are doing our readers a genuine service by calling their attention to the facilities offered by Mr. Christopher Larsen, for he is prepared to undertake painting and paper-hanging in all their branches and to fill orders skilfully, promptly and at uniformly moderate rates, so that we can safely guarantee satisfaction to all who may place commissions in his hands. Mr. Larsen was born in Denmark, but has resided in this country many years, and has carried on his present business in Rondout ever since 1870. His shop is situated on Hasbrouck Avenue, and his postoffice address is P. O. Box 211; orders and communications of all kinds being assured prompt and painstaking attention, and estimates being cheerfully furnished on application. Mr. Larsen employs from ten to twenty assistants, and can execute even the most extensive commissions at short notice in cases where haste is desired.

JAMES HILLYER, Carpenter, Contractor, Builder, Chambers and Union Streets, Rondout, N. Y.—As a class, the contractors and builders of Rondout will compare favorably with those of any other town in the Union, they being enterprising and honorable men, excellently qualified to carry out their respective duties, and it is certainly with no intention of disparaging others in the same line of business that we call attention to the facilities possessed by Mr. James Hillyer who carries on an undertaking founded over thirty years ago, it having been started in 1860. Mr. Hillyer is a native of this State, and is probably as widely and favorably known a carpenter, contractor and builder as there is in the State, not only on account of his long experience, but also because he has executed many extensive and important commissions to the entire satisfaction of all parties concerned. He builds and repairs buildings of every description, and is prepared to figure very closely on all kinds of work and to fill the largest orders at comparatively short notice. Plans will be drawn up and estimates made on application. His shop, which is located on the corner of Chambers and Union Streets, measures 25 x 40 feet in size, and employment is given to from ten to twenty steady and reliable mechanics.

S. STERN, Practical Optician, No. 170½ Strand, Rondout, N. Y.—There is more defective sight among American people than is observable by ordinary methods: even the sufferers are not always aware that there is anything wrong with their eyes. This is school without the slightest inquiry by amount of sight or not. It may be nearsightedness. The first condition is produced by being too short; the third by unsymmetrical surface of the eye. Either of these conditions is so common and so difficult to perceive that the child should never be sent to school till he has received a thorough examination from a skilful optician. This matter of defective sight is altogether too important to be neglected. It affects health, mind, and morals. The unfortunate child cannot spare the health-giving sports of his companions and takes to books. In study the book has to be brought near the eye, the head is bent upon the chest or over the table, till the shoulders become curved, the chest contracted, and pulmonary difficulties follow. He becomes studious, but study does not always develop intellectuality; on the contrary the reverse is often true. The forehead bulges till it suggests hydrocephalus rather than brains, the eye becomes prominent and myopic, and an examination of the child's mental acquisitions shows them to be shallow and superficial: he has not the strength of brain or body for continuous, logical and solid thought. Death comes early, but preceded by such sufferings and evidences of mental and bodily collapse that the parents, who recently admired his parts, feel it as a relief, conscious that he would be a useless, helpless nonentity if he had lived. This is not by any means an extraordinary or unusual termination. Weak eyes beget bodily, mental and moral weakness, as surely as the sting of the rattlesnake, communicated through a slight wound in the flesh, invades blood, nerves, fibres, brain, until every part is diseased and destroyed. There should be no delay by parents in consulting an experienced and skilful oculist. This city has one such person, Mr. S. Stern, who is known throughout this and adjacent counties. He has had thirty-two years' experience. He is a native of Germany, and is a thoroughly experienced optician. Mr. Stern employs one careful and polite assistant and gives his own close personal attention. Mr. Stern charges nothing for examination of the eye.



FRANK B. PATCHEN, [Successor to Lewis I. Patchen,] Livery, Boarding, and Sales Stables, No. 45 Hasbrouck Avenue, Rondout, N. Y.—The first important problem, and indeed the most important one that confronts him who would maintain a private equipage is, "Where shall my horse and carriage be kept?" For in the majority of instances it is quite out of the question to think of keeping them on one's own premises. Every one at all acquainted with horses knows that not only the comfort of the animal but also the enjoyment of his master depends in a great measure, on the way in which the horse is fed and otherwise cared for, and therefore we may say, the question to secure to him proper treatment and food becomes of paramount importance. There are, doubtless, many reliable establishments in Rondout where horses and carriages, will be properly used, but we are sure that there are none in which more pains are taken to satisfy patrons than in that conducted by Mr. Frank B. Patchen, at No. 45 Hasbrouck Ave. This establishment was originally started in 1871, by Mr. Lewis I. Patchen, who was succeeded by the present proprietor, Mr. Frank B. Patchen, in 1891, and from its inception has met with a high degree of appreciation, for the honorable and liberal methods of the proprietors quickly became manifest, and the result is a large and steadily growing business. Mr. Patchen is well known as a good judge of a horse, and as a man who will not stand by and see one abused if he is able to prevent it. He conducts a livery, boarding and sales stable, also giving particular care to private teams, everything being first-class and the prices reasonable in this department, and has both single and double teams to let.

ESTATE OF R. DEYO, Wholesale and Retail Dealer in Groceries and Provisions, Crockery, Stoneware, Hardware, Cutlery, Pistols, Powder, Shot, Drugs, Medicines, Paints, Oils, Etc.; One Door East of the National Bank of Rondout, fronting on Strand and Ferry Streets, Rondout, N. Y.—One of the oldest established mercantile enterprises in Rondout is that carried on by the Estate of R. Deyo, of which Mr. Elvin Deyo is now the manager, it having been in successful operation ever since 1846, being founded at that time by Mr. Richard Deyo, and so conducted until his death, in 1888, when the present firm-name was established. Mr. Elvin Deyo is a native of this town, and has had a continuous service in this same store for many years, and gives his close personal attention to the interests of the business, and to the filling of orders. Five competent assistants are employed to insure immediate and careful service to every caller, although an extensive wholesale and retail business is done. Spacious premises, comprising four floors and a basement, 30 x 85 feet in dimensions, are occupied, fronting on Strand and Ferry Streets, one door east of the National Bank of Rondout. A large and varied stock of groceries and provisions, crockery and stoneware, cutlery, powder, shot, rope, tar, kerosene oil and lamps, drugs and medicines, glass and dye woods, etc., etc., are among the important commodities dealt in, and it is generally understood hereabouts that at no establishment in this section can equally dependable goods be obtained at lower rates. The assortment is constantly being renewed, and as all classes of trade are catered to, the patronage is as general as it is extensive.

STEPHEN ABBEY & SONS, dealers in Grain, Flour, Feed and Lime. Car Lots a Specialty. Rondout, N. Y.—Very nearly forty years have passed since the establishment of the business carried on by Messrs. Stephen Abbey & Sons, it having been founded by Mr. Stephen Abbey, in 1853, and although he died in 1889, his name is still retained at the head of the business he founded, developed and built up on the sure foundation of honorable dealing with all. The present proprietors are Messrs. Henry Abbey and S. LeGrand Abbey, both of whom are natives of Rondout and are far too well known hereabouts to require extended personal mention. Mr. Henry Abbey is a member of the New York Produce Exchange, and the firm deal very largely in grain, flour, feed and lime, making a leading specialty of car lots. In fact their facilities for furnishing car lots of these commodities promptly, and at the very lowest prevailing rates are unsurpassed if they are not unequalled in this section; and customers have the important advantage of dealing with an absolutely reliable and perfectly responsible house. The premises made use of comprise three warehouses, measuring 50 x 100 feet, with a dock-front on Rondout Creek of 200 feet, and a heavy stock is constantly carried, it comprising all standard grades of oats, corn, flour, middlings, hay, salt, lime, etc., so that orders can be filled without delay.

JAMES MURPHY, dealer in Stoves, Hot Air Furnaces and Ranges, Tin Roofing and Jobbing Promptly Attended To, No. 141 The Strand, Rondout, N. J.—In view of the very great number and the enormous variety of stoves, ranges and furnaces to be found in the market, it seems almost incredible that one need not be so very old to be able to remember when stoves were almost unknown outside the larger cities, but such is the fact, and it affords an impressive example of the progress made during the past quarter of a century. The great trouble nowadays is to choose satisfactory ones from the many styles offered, but this may be easily overcome by telling a reputable dealer of the attending circumstances, and being guided by his advice, for of course he knows what is best suited to your purpose, and it is for his interest to satisfy his customers. No better plan can be followed than to place the order with Mr. James Murphy, for he is an extensive dealer in stoves, hot-air furnaces and ranges, and not only handles the most popular styles, but has a well-earned reputation for uniformly fair dealings. Mr. Murphy is a native of Ireland, and has been identified with his present business since 1866. The premises are located at No. 141 The Strand, and comprise one floor, 20 x 50 feet in dimensions. Besides carrying a full line of stoves, etc., Mr. Murphy is prepared to do plumbing, tin roofing and jobbing in a thoroughly workmanlike manner at moderate rates. Competent assistants are employed and all work undertaken will be thoroughly and satisfactorily executed.

ESTABLISHMENT OF E. W. KNAPP, Druggist and Apothecary, Rondout, N. Y.—It may seem a strange assertion to make to say that the carrying on of a large number of drugstores argues well for the public health, but there is ground for the statement for the simple reason, that many drugs depend greatly upon their freshness for their effect, and the existence of a large number of drugstores has the result of causing each dealer to carry but a comparatively small stock of any one article, the consequence being that physicians can depend upon having their prescriptions filled by the use of ingredients much fresher than would otherwise be possible—a fact which we commend to the consideration of the few who think that now as formerly, every doctor should compound his own medicines. The store conducted under the name of E. W. Knapp, and located on The Strand, is very prominent throughout Rondout and vicinity, having been originally established in 1860, by Mr. Knapp, and since his death, which occurred in 1881, has been carried on under the able management of Mr. Geo. W. Johnston, for the estate. The premises contain a fine assortment of all that is usually to be found in a first-class drugstore. Two assistants are employed, and great care and attention is given to the compounding of physicians' prescriptions. Many of the residents of Rondout can testify to the merits of this pharmacy, and a careful examination of the methods pursued will convince any one of the value of such an establishment.

A. DECKER, Wholesale and Retail Dealer in Fish, Oysters, Clams, Fruits, Vegetables, Commission Merchant, No. 51 Ferry Street, Rondout, N. Y.—Some very marked changes in the methods of doing business have occurred of late years, and in no line of trade, perhaps, has more change been brought about in the handling of fish, oysters and sea food in general; but a few years ago a fish store was hardly supposed to be kept even neat in appearance, whereas at the present time a first-class establishment of this kind is supposed to be not only neat, but even handsome in its appearance. As an example of what we mean let us call attention to the store conducted by Mr. A. Decker at No. 51 Ferry Street. This is 20 x 30 feet in dimensions, and so nicely fitted up and admirably kept as to be one of the most attractive in this vicinity. Mr. Decker is a native of Columbia County, and began his present enterprise in 1874. He is a wholesale and retail dealer in fish, oysters, clams, and also handles fruits and vegetables of all kinds in their season. His stock is always varied and tempting, his prices are invariably low, and sufficient assistants are employed to assure immediate and careful attention to every caller.

L. KIRCHNER, Groceries and Provisions, Woodenware, Crockery, Boots, Shoes and Ship Stores, Corner of Abeel and Ravine Streets.—Mr. Kirchner has been identified with the establishment he now conducts for the past thirty-five years, having founded it in 1857, and has gained a high and well-deserved reputation for handling strictly reliable articles and quoting the lowest market rates in every department of his business. The premises are located at the corner of Abeel and Ravine Streets, covering an area of 1500 square feet, and are therefore centrally located and spacious but none too much so to properly accommodate the heavy stock carried, which comprises groceries and provisions, woodenware, crockery, boots and shoes and ship stores. Mr. Kirchner enjoys a large family trade and naturally caters expressly to that class of patrons. The assortment of staple and fancy groceries and choice provisions afforded by Mr. Kirchner includes everything in these lines in common use, and as the goods are without exception obtained from the most reputable source, they may be confidently depended upon to prove just as represented. Special inducements are given to purchasers of flour, the most popular brands being quoted at bottom prices and the woodenware, crockery, boots, shoes and ship stores, are also sure to give satisfaction both as regards their quality and their cost. Employment is given to a competent force of assistants and both wholesale and retail orders will receive immediate and courteous attention at all times.

M. D. PRESTON, Wholesale and Retail Dealer in Fish, Vegetables, Foreign and Domestic Fruits of all Kinds, No. 43 Ferry Street, Second Door from Hasbrouck Avenue, Rondout, N. Y.—Fish is one of the most popular articles of food we have, and it is well that it is so, for it is both cheap and healthful. The only disadvantage connected with the use of it is that it must be perfectly fresh, in order to be palatable and nutritious, and there is no difficulty in obtaining perfectly fresh fish if you only know where to look for it. For instance, make a call on Mr. M. D. Preston, doing business at No. 43 Ferry Street, second door from Hasbrouck Avenue, and you will find that his stock of fish, etc., is full and complete, and that every article sold by him is guaranteed to be satisfactory, and to prove as represented. Mr. Preston is a native of this town, and of course very well known. He inaugurated his present enterprise in 1888, and has built up a very large and growing business, and is now better prepared than ever before to supply anything in his line at the lowest market rates, and to give prompt and careful attention to orders. Vegetables, foreign and domestic fruits of all kinds, canned goods, tobacco and cigars, etc., etc., are largely dealt in, and all orders will be delivered when promised, and will be accurately and carefully filled. Mr. Preston does both a wholesale and retail trade, and by the assistance of one competent employe all customers are assured prompt and courteous service.

JAS. H. CULLEN, dealer in Groceries and Provisions, Wines, Liquors and Segars; Agent for Amsdell's Albany Ales and Hinckel's Lager, Wine and Sample-room Attached; Corner of Ferry and Canal Streets, Rondout, N. Y.—“Competition is the life of trade,” says the old adage, and therefore the inauguration of any enterprise is always a subject for congratulation, that is, provided it be managed in the honorable, straightforward and business-like fashion that has characterized the carrying on of the undertaking, now conducted by Mr. Jas. H. Cullen, which began in 1870, and that he has a complete understanding of the details of the grocery and provision trade in this town, must be apparent to any one who has watched the intelligence, as well as the industry manifested in building up his present trade. And it is pleasant to be able to chronicle a success as well deserved as it is pronounced. The premises occupied and located on the corner of Ferry and Canal Streets comprise one floor, 30 x 60 feet in size, while the stock carried comprises groceries and provisions, wines, liquors and segars, etc. Mr. Cullen is also the agent for Amsdell's Albany Ales and Hinckel's Lager. Attached to the other business is a wine and sample-room, while both a wholesale and retail business is done. Two competent assistants are employed and every customer may be assured prompt, courteous and intelligent service, the result being an extensive and steadily increasing trade.

THE NEWARK LIME AND CEMENT CO.'S STORE, Dry Goods, Groceries, Boots and Shoes, Hosiery, Notions, Canned Goods, Teas, Coffees, Butter, Eggs, Flour, and General Merchandise, Tompkins Street and Strand, Rondout, N. Y.—There is a certain air about a popular and well-patronized establishment of any kind that is easily distinguished by a careful observer, and although it would often be difficult to define just what is meant by an “air of prosperity,” still it is impossible to mistake such an appearance after once becoming familiar with it. If any of our readers wish an example of what we mean let them visit the establishment known as “The Newark Lime and Cement Co.'s store,” conducted by Mr. Lambert J. DuBois, and they will find one of the most popular stores in this section. This establishment was founded in 1860. The premises occupied are located on Tompkins Street, corner of Strand, and which afford opportunity for the display of one of the most varied and desirable assortments of dry goods, groceries, boots and shoes, hosiery, notions, canned goods, teas and coffees, butter, eggs, flour and general merchandise in Rondout. Employment is only given to competent and efficient assistants, while in every department of the store the same scrupulous attention to details is noticeable, the result that customers are always assured prompt and courteous attention, and that the goods offered are both fashionable in style, and low in price. The Cement Co.'s Store, located at the corner of Tompkins Street and the Strand, Rondout, N. Y., is one of the busiest places in town. The ample accommodation furnished farmers and others in respect to sheds and places to feed their teams draw many persons to that locality, and the fact that almost everything can be found in their large assortment of goods which can be selected meanwhile is a great saving of time to those who come long distances. Although a company store it is conducted on a basis of open and square dealing and is a competitor for trade on the ground of merit only. The present manager of the store, Mr. Lambert J. DuBois, has been employed here for about eighteen years, and with the approval of the Hon. James G. Lindsley, who has entire charge of all the business of The Newark Lime and Cement Co. in Rondout, prices are kept at the very lowest, and weight and measure is always generous. At least one half of the trade of the store is from those outside the employ of the company and not an employee of the company is asked or expected to trade there who prefers to do so elsewhere, but price and quality bring them.

JOHN WEISS, Wholesale and Retail Dealer in Groceries, Provisions, Flour, Feed, Oats, Hay, Wood and Willow Ware, Crockery and Glassware, Wines, Liquors and Cigars, Corner of Union Avenue and Union Street, Rondout; N. Y.—Mr. John Weiss is a native of Germany, and is very favorably known in this section of Rondout; he assumed entire control of the business in 1882, and has gained the reputation of being an enterprising business man who employs strictly legitimate methods, and makes it an invariable rule to keep faith with his customers at all times. He occupies premises that are located at the corner of Union Avenue and Union Street, comprising two floors of the building, each 20 x 40 feet in dimensions, thus affording ample room to carry a full and varied stock, which comprises groceries, provisions, flour, feed, oats, hay, wines, liquors and cigars. These goods are fresh and carefully selected, and will be sold at very reasonable prices. Mr. Weiss is a wholesale and retail dealer, and in addition to the above-named goods does an extensive business in wood and willow ware, crockery and glassware of all kinds, including the latest and most desirable styles and shapes. Two well-informed assistants are constantly employed and customers may be assured of prompt attention, and that the goods will be found as represented.



UNION AVENUE, RONDOUT.

THE HOMESSEEKER'S COÖPERATIVE SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION of the city of Kingston, Rondout, New York, is the successor of The Home Coöperative Savings and Loan Association which was organized in July, 1889. Issuing its first series of stock in August, 1889, by a clerical error the number of shares of stock, was limited to 1,000, and the phenomenal growth of the society soon made it necessary to ask that the limit to shares be increased to 10,000. In order to accomplish this a new name had to be taken and a new organization perfected. Thus the name Homeseeker took the place of the Home. The first year's business of the society showed a surplus or profit of \$1,133.88 on which a dividend of 12% was declared and \$167.74 was placed in reserve fund. The second year's business showed a surplus of \$3,550.05 on which a dividend of 12% was declared and \$846.86 was carried to reserve fund. The third year's business ending July, 31, 1892 showed a surplus of \$5,797.91 on which a dividend of 10% was declared and \$819.42 was carried to the reserve fund making total amount in reserve fund \$1833.92. One share of stock in each series was worth on July 31, 1892, first series \$44.54, second series \$27.98, third series \$13.20, loaning on first mortgage on real estate only in Ulster County where we can show our members where every dollar is invested and being able to show every bond and mortgage and a record of the same in the county clerk's office. The Homeseekers Coöperative Savings and Loan Association ought not to be confounded with any of the national concerns who have never loaned a dollar here. Hundreds of people who joined this society in 1889 and 1890, find themselves in possession of a nice little sum now and they wonder how easily they saved it. Officers for the year are president, A. H. Mambert, physician; vice-president, A. A. Crosby, hardware merchant; treasurer, P. A. Canfield of Canfield Stove Co.; secretary, Lambert J. DuBois, manager of Cement Co's. Store. Directors, H. W. Otis, Remison B. DuBois, Chris Larsen, W. B. Terwilliger, James Tongue, Jr., Daniel Halloran, Morris Hymes, Charles P. Romer, George Johnston. Any information relating to the work of the society cheerfully given by the secretary, write for report and circular.

DAVID MULHOLLAND, dealer in Dutchess County Goods, Pork, Lard, Shoulders, Beef, Bonanza Ham, Bologna, The Celebrated Diamond Hams a Specialty. Quotations Furnished, Smoke House and Office, Nos. 55 and 57 Meadow Street, Rondout, N. Y.—The pork and pork products of Dutchess County have so long been famous for excellence that it is entirely unnecessary to point out their superiority now, so we will simply call attention to the fact that the residents of this section want them and will have them, and therefore will patronize most largely those stores that carry the best line of them. It is an open secret among the best informed retailers that no goods in the market average better than those handled by Mr. David Mulholland, and as he is moderate in his prices and prompt and accurate in the filling of orders, it is not surprising that he should do a very extensive wholesale business as well as a large retail trade. The enterprise was started in 1869 by Mr. Thomas Mulholland and came under the entire control of the present proprietor in 1876. The premises utilized comprise a spacious smoke house and office, at Nos. 55 and 57 Meadow Street, and a large refrigerator building on Union Street for cold storage of beef, etc., a heavy stock being constantly carried, comprising pork, lard, shoulders, bacon bonanza ham, bologna, etc., beef and smoked beef. Mr. Mulholland makes a leading specialty of the celebrated "Diamond" hams, which are marked with a capital "M," enclosed by four lines forming a diamond. They are remarkably and uniformly delicate in flavor, and are pronounced by connoisseurs to be equal to any American ham the market can show.

MATTHEW LARKIN, Jr., dealer in Groceries and Provisions, Flour, Feed, Butter, Eggs, Cheese, Smoked Meats, Etc., Domestic and Imported Liquors, Store on Ferry Street, Rondout, N. Y.—The convenience of dealing at a store where you can obtain about everything in the line of food supplies is too obvious to require demonstration, and as Mr. Matthew Larkin, Jr. carries on just such a store, it is perfectly natural that it should be largely patronized, especially as his goods are uniformly reliable, his prices low and the service prompt and efficient at all times. Mr. Larkin is very widely known and esteemed in this town having served for two terms as alderman of the Fifth Ward. He has carried on his present business here since 1857, and does a large wholesale and retail trade in groceries and provisions. Flour, feed, butter, cheese, eggs and smoked meats, besides any other articles which are usually found in a well furnished family store, and a choice assortment of imported and domestic liquors can be found here, while bottom prices are quoted on all goods handled by Mr. Larkin. The premises occupied and located on Ferry Street comprise one store, 20 x 60 feet in dimensions, so it goes without saying that a very heavy and complete stock is carried. Two assistants are employed and polite attention is assured to every caller. Mr. Larkin is enterprising and energetic, and his business standing and general reputation, as well as the liberal manner in which the business is conducted, is a subject of the most favorable comment throughout Rondout, and vicinity.

W. G. JOHNSTON & BRO., Awnings, Tents, Sails, Horse, Truck and Wagon Covers, Cotton Duck, all Numbers, Second-hand Canvas, Etc., No. 16 Ferry Street, Rondout, N. Y.—The business carried on by Messrs. W. G. Johnston and Bro. was founded over fifteen years ago, operations having been begun in 1875. They are natives of Rondout and not only thoroughly understand their present business but have fully maintained the enviable reputation so long associated with the enterprise of which they have entire control. Sailmaking of all descriptions is done in a thoroughly workmanlike manner, at short notice and at moderate rates, and awnings, tents, horse, truck and wagon covers, etc., will be made to order in first-class style at prices as low as can be named in connection with good materials and skilful, durable work. Very commodious premises, located at No. 16 Ferry Street, are occupied, the sail loft which is the only one in town being on the top floor. Three efficient and competent assistants are employed, to ensure the prompt filling of every order large or small. The work is equal to the best and we can confidently guarantee satisfaction to all placing orders at this representative establishment. The firm is composed of W. G. and R. H. Johnston, who are both well and favorably known in this town.

H. S. COOPER, Wheelwright and Carriage Work, No. 47 Hasbrouck Avenue, Rondout, N. Y.—Even the best made carriage or wagon is apt to break down sometimes, or to require repairing in one part or another, and as many of the vehicles in use are by no means made as well as they might be, it follows that the carriage repairing industry is a very extensive one. Many carriage owners find considerable difficulty in having repairing done to suit them, and therefore we take especial pleasure in calling attention to the establishment conducted by Mr. H. S. Cooper, at No. 47 Hasbrouck Avenue, for the work done here is strictly first-class, and a specialty is made of carriage repairing, such vehicles being repaired at short notice and in a thoroughly workmanlike manner. Mr. Cooper is a native of Olive and has had an extended experience in his present line of business. He began operations here in 1891, and has every facility at hand to enable work to be done economically as well as quickly and is therefore prepared to guarantee satisfaction both as regards the character of the results attained and the charges made. Only reliable and competent assistants are employed and Mr. Cooper supervises all work before leaving his shop.

B. M. TREMPER, Successor to T. H. Tremper, Wholesale Dealer in Flour, Grain, Feed, Salt, Groceries and Provisions, Romer and Tremper's Steamboat Dock, Ferry Street, Rondout, N. Y.—Probably one of the oldest established businesses of the kind in this town is that conducted by Mr. B. M. Tremper, located on Ferry Street, for this enterprise was inaugurated over thirty years ago, its inception occurring in 1862, by Mr. T. H. Tremper, father of the present proprietor, who is a native of this town, and has become thoroughly identified with his present undertaking. The premises utilized comprise three floors, measuring 50 x 75 feet, and a heavy stock is constantly on hand to choose from, it being made up of choice groceries and provisions, flour, grain, feed and salt, etc., and many other commodities too numerous to mention, a large wholesale business being done. Mr. Tremper employs four competent assistants and is in a position to assure immediate and courteous attention to every caller. He caters to no special class of trade, but strives to offer a sufficient variety of goods, to suit all tastes and purses, and to quote positively the lowest market rates at all times. He has built up an extensive business during his long and honorable career and has an unsurpassed reputation for selling goods strictly on their merits, while no misrepresentations are practised.

JOHN H. HAAS, dealer in Boots and Shoes, also Custom Work, No. 91 Abeel Street, Rondout, N. Y.—Among the many enterprising people engaged in the retailing of boots and shoes, in Rondout and vicinity, we know none who is more active, more reliable, or more generally popular than Mr. John H. Haas, doing business at No. 91 Abeel Street, and the universal popularity of this gentleman is all the more significant from the fact that he has carried on business here for a quarter of a century, having begun operations in 1867, certainly long enough ago for the residents of this section to become thoroughly familiar with his facilities and his methods. Mr. Haas is a native of Germany, and gives his close personal attention to customers, and callers will find that the phrase, "low price," as used by him, means something, for no lower prices are quoted in this portion of the State on dependable footwear than Mr. Haas is prepared to name. His stock is "clean" in every department, and comprises full lines of staple goods, in addition to the very latest novelties in fashionable footwear. Custom work is made a specialty of, while all kinds of repairing is neatly done, employment being given to competent assistants. Callers are assured prompt and polite attention, and buyers have the satisfaction of knowing that every article is fully guaranteed to prove as represented. The premises occupied at the above address are very conveniently arranged, while the stock is displayed to excellent advantage, making the task of selection an easy and agreeable one.

A. A. CROSBY, Hardware, Ship Chandlery, Paints, Oils, Etc., No. 18 Ferry Street, Rondout, N. Y.—This enterprise was founded in 1856 by Mr. A. A. Crosby, the present proprietor, who has since that time become well known among a large and growing population. The specialties which he handles are peculiarly adapted for the use of ships and all sailing vessels, and are classed under the name of ship stores. They embrace among other things hardware, paints and oils, etc. These goods are of the best quality that can be bought, and the large and increasing trade of this house is indicative of the estimation and character obtained in the past. The assortment of hardware will be found complete and to contain every necessary article that is required. The premises occupied and located at No. 18 Ferry Street comprise one floor, 20 x 70 feet in size. Employment is afforded two competent assistants and a large wholesale and retail trade is carried on, while every article bought of this house is guaranteed to prove just as represented. The largest orders can be filled without delay, and bottom prices are quoted on all the commodities dealt in, so it is not surprising that an extensive business should be done.

L. F. PARISH, dealer in Groceries and Provisions, Teas, Coffees, Spices, Etc., No. 78 Hasbrouck Avenue, Rondout, N. Y.—We know of no more worthy example of the representative houses of Rondout than the popular establishment now conducted by Mr. L. F. Parish. This house was established in 1883 by Mr. E. M. Parish, who was succeeded by his brother, Mr. L. F. Parish, in 1889. Mr. Parish possesses a valuable and extended experience in the grocery interests, and by his liberal and honorable methods has gained the public favor. The premises occupied are located at No. 78 Hasbrouck Avenue, and have an area of 1200 square feet, and are well stocked and conveniently arranged. The trade is strictly retail. The stock is made up of staple and fancy groceries and provisions, also teas, coffees, spices, etc. No inferior articles are sold, and every effort is made to avoid adulterated goods. A competent assistant is constantly in attendance, thus insuring the patrons of this house prompt attention. The low prices quoted and the fine assortment carried have given this establishment the prosperous trade it enjoys. Mr. Parish is a native of Massachusetts, is well known throughout Rondout, and commands the respect and esteem of this community.

SEBASTIAN BROWN, Shipsmithing, Blacksmithing, Horseshoeing, Etc., Abeel Street (near) Company's Ship-yard, Rondout, N. Y.—There is more and more iron work used on vessels every year, and therefore there is a steadily widening field for the operation of such an enterprise as is carried on by Mr. Sebastian Brown, for he is an expert iron worker who makes a prominent specialty of shipsmithing, and is prepared to make and repair ship's iron work of all kinds, and to fill orders at short notice and at reasonable rates. His shop is located on Abeel Street, near Company's Ship-yard, and contains facilities, not only for shipsmithing but also for blacksmithing, horseshoeing, etc. Mr. Brown gives particular attention to all branches of his business. He is a native of New York, and has a large circle of friends in Rondout and vicinity, not a few among whom he has made by his straightforward and energetic business methods. Operations were begun in 1850, by Mr. John A. Brown, father of the present proprietor, who assumed entire control of affairs in 1889. Competent assistants are constantly employed and no imperfect work is knowingly allowed to leave the shop.

D. B. STOW, Florist, Floral Designs Made to Order, Cut Flowers a Specialty, Metal Designs, Fancy Baskets and Designs kept constantly on hand, Bait Fish always on hand, No. 285 Union Avenue, Rondout, N. Y.—It is difficult to believe that the age of miracles is past when we see some of the wonderful things accomplished nowadays, for a few years ago nothing would have been deemed more miraculous than that conversation could be carried on between people many miles apart, or that lightning could be so effectually harnessed as to be used for illuminating purposes and motive power—the same current of electricity lighting a car and driving it through the streets at the rate of twenty miles an hour. The raising of the most delicate plants and flowers in mid winter in our bleak climate is another everyday miracle and is none the less wonderful because we have become so used to it as not to give it any special thought. An elaborate, expensive and well-managed establishment is necessary to the attainment of the best results in the florists' business, and the high reputation Mr. D. B. Stow has gained in this field of industry since beginning operations here, in 1876, is in no small degree due to the enterprise he has shown in providing the most improved facilities and maintaining them at the very highest standard of efficiency. The premises utilized by him are located at No. 285 Union Avenue and cover an area of 7,000 square feet. The green-houses are heated by the most improved methods, and nothing is wanting to allow operations to be carried on to the best advantage. Plants, shrubs, cut flowers, etc. are extensively dealt in, both at wholesale and retail, and a specialty is made of floral designs, Mr. Stow showing great taste in the originality and excellence of their arrangement. Floral emblems and decorations suited to all occasions may be obtained here at very short notice, and the prices quoted will compare favorably with those named by any dealer in this city. This gentleman is making a specialty of mountain landscape and decorating work. Mr. Stow is a native of New York State and has a very large circle of friends in Kingston and vicinity.

JOSEPH A. COSTELLO, dealer in Groceries and Provisions, Ales, Wines, Liquors, Cigars, Etc., Corner Meadow and Chambers Streets, Rondout, N. Y.—Although the advantages of housekeeping far outweigh its disadvantages, it must be confessed that the trials and disappointments of the average housekeeper are many, and that the larger portion of them are connected with the obtaining of food supplies, for it is at times very difficult to obtain food, and especially meats, that will prove altogether satisfactory. This is by no means entirely the fault of the dealer, but nevertheless a great saving of time, money, and patience may be made by trading with a reputable and well-equipped house, and hence we feel that we are doing some of our readers a service by calling to their attention the facilities possessed by Mr. Joseph A. Costello, for furnishing meats, groceries and provisions, of standard quality at the lowest market rates. The store is located on the corner of Meadow and Chambers Streets, and is sufficiently roomy to accommodate a complete line of commodities mentioned above, the assortment being so varied that all tastes and purses can be suited. Ales, wines, liquors, cigars, etc., are also largely handled while employment is given to three efficient assistants, and no trouble is spared to insure prompt and polite attention to every caller, and to fill orders in a manner that will prove satisfactory to the most fastidious. Mr. Costello is a native of this town, and needs no extended personal mention in these columns. He has been identified with his present establishment since 1884.

M. J. MADDEN, Wholesale and Retail Dealer and Direct Receiver of Groceries and Provisions, all Kinds of Bourbon, Rye, and Wheat Whiskeys, and Importer of Fine Wines, Gins, Brandies, Cigars, No. 22 Union Avenue, Rondout, N. Y.—The establishment conducted by Mr. M. J. Madden may justly be called a representative one in the full sense of the term, for representative it certainly is, both as a wine and spirit store and as a grocery and provision store. The proprietor was born in Ireland, founded his present business more than forty years ago, and is very generally known and highly respected in both trade and social circles. The premises utilized by Mr. Madden are located at No. 22 Union Avenue, and are very spacious as they need to be in order to accommodate the exceptionally heavy and varied stock, it comprising a full line of foreign and domestic wines, liquors, cordials and cigars; and also a complete assortment of staple and fancy groceries and provisions especially selected for family use and guaranteed to prove strictly as represented. Mr. Madden is a wholesale dealer in and direct receiver of bourbon, rye, and wheat whiskeys, and an importer of superior wines, gins, brandies and cigars. He is prepared to quote bottom prices to large and small buyers and to furnish goods that cannot fail to suit the most fastidious tastes.

MANSION HOUSE. John E. Lasher, Proprietor, Union Avenue, Rondout, N. Y.—Although it would be absurd to assume that because a certain house is acknowledged to be the leading hotel in a given city or town no other hotel in the place is worthy of liberal patronage, it would be equally absurd to deny that there are many solid advantages to be gained by putting up at what is conceded to be the representative house. And hence, leaving all consideration of personal comfort out of the question altogether, it is always well for a traveller, and especially for a business traveller, to know what is the leading hotel in each of the places at which he stops. So far as Rondout is concerned there need be no uncertainty in the matter, for the Mansion House is unquestionably the leading hotel in town. It was established in 1855 but has been frequently renovated within and without, and is to-day a thoroughly modern house, complete in its appointments, furnished in first-class style, equipped with the latest improvements, including sanitary plumbing, excellent lighting, heating and ventilating facilities, and in short, is a hotel that can confidently be recommended to the most fastidious. The cuisine is first-class, and the service is uniformly prompt, efficient and courteous; the proprietor, Mr. John E. Lasher, positively insisting upon polite treatment of every guest. The Mansion House is situated on Union Avenue, and is very accessible, a hotel bus connecting with all trains and street cars, running to West Shore Railroad depot and Hudson River ferry, passing the door.

H. S. TERWILLIGER, Undertaker and Practical Embalmer, Office, No. 86 Union Street, Residence, No. 41 Abeel Street, Rondout, N. Y.—Considerable expense as well as no small degree of executive ability is required in order to discharge the responsible duties of an undertaker satisfactorily, for it is, of course, highly important to so manage as to avoid all confusion or delays on the occasions when the services of an undertaker are required. Mr. H. S. Terwilliger has officiated in this capacity for the past eleven years. He is a native of Marbletown, Ulster County, New York, and began operations here in Rondout in 1881. He is an undertaker and practical embalmer. His residence is located at No. 41 Abeel Street and his office and warerooms at No. 86 Union Street. A carefully selected stock is carried, comprising caskets, coffins, burial robes and funeral goods in general. Flowers, hearses and carriages, will also be furnished when desired. Moderate prices are quoted in every department, and the variety of goods offered is sufficiently large to admit of all tastes being suited. Orders for embalming will receive immediate and careful attention, and the entire direction of funerals will be assumed if desired, thus enabling much anxiety and trouble to be avoided.

JOHN M. MAYER, manufacturer of Carriages, Wagons and Trucks, Established 1860, Special Attention Given to the Mayer Buckboard Wagon, Nos. 26 and 28 Mill Street, Rondout, N. Y.—In the choice of a carriage or wagon, the chief difference between an experienced and an inexperienced buyer is this: the former looks out especially for quality; the latter looks out especially for price. The first has found out that price is a secondary consideration, or in other words, he knows that a poor vehicle is dear at any price, and that a really good one—good in design, material and workmanship—is the cheapest that can be bought, for the saving in repairs will very soon make up for any difference in first cost; and, besides, even an old and worn first-class vehicle can be made to look well at moderate expense, while a “cheap” carriage never looks decent again after the first newness has worn off. It is because of these and other facts that the carriages, wagons and trucks manufactured by Mr. John M. Mayer are very popular among the most experienced and best-informed buyers.—they know that these vehicles are “built for business” and that they equal in style, beauty, strength and durability, any in the market, while the prices quoted on them compare very favorably with those named by other manufacturers of strictly desirable and reliable carriages and wagons. Mr. Mayer manufactures a great variety of styles and gives special attention to the “Mayer Buckboard Wagon”—one of the most popular buckboards ever introduced. His factory is located at Nos. 26 and 28 Mill Street, and is so spacious and well equipped that order work can generally be done at very short notice. This business was established in 1860, and has been so ably and honorably conducted that its reputation is second to that of no other enterprise in this prosperous manufacturing city.

MRS. M. L. PENDLETON, Restaurant and Bakery, No. 36 Union Avenue, Rondout, N. Y.—The establishment conducted by Mrs. M. L. Pendleton at No. 36 Union Avenue is worthy of prominent and favorable mention as a restaurant, as a family bakery, and as an ice-cream parlor; for it is all three of these in one, and the service in each department is first-class and commendable in every respect. One may get a lunch or what the boys call “a square meal” here with equal satisfaction; the bill of fare being well selected and sufficiently varied to admit of all tastes being suited; the quality of the food being good, the cooking excellent and the service being prompt, neat and accommodating, while the prices are of the “popular” kind—that is, they are low enough to be within the means of all. A large ice-cream business is done during the season, for Mrs. Pendleton’s cream is well and very favorably known throughout this vicinity; it being skilfully made from the best of materials and the flavoring being uniformly delicate and attractive. A full assortment of bread, plain and fancy cake, pastry, etc., may always be found at this popular store, and it is renewed so frequently that the goods are always fresh and satisfactory. No fancy prices are quoted, and sufficient assistance is employed to ensure prompt and careful attention to every caller.

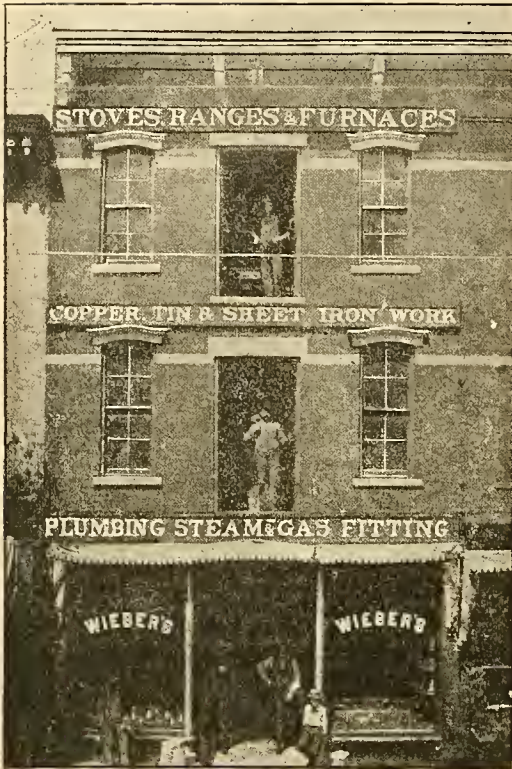
THEILO HESSE, Custom Tailor, Union Street, Rondout, N. Y.—The idea that economy consists of paying as low a price as possible for everything that is purchased is a very mistaken one, and there are few who have had any experience in buying who entertain it. There are many other things to be taken into consideration besides the first cost, especially in the buying of clothing, for in the selection of garments, style, neatness and durability, should all be provided for. There are some few who can get a good fit in ready-made clothing and are perfectly satisfied with such garments, but the large majority would have their clothing made to order if they thought they could afford it, and we are convinced that more can afford it than now believe they can, for as a call on Mr. Theilo Hesse will prove first-class custom-made clothing can be obtained at but little more than is asked for dependable ready-made garments, and the superior wearing qualities of the former more than compensate for the slight difference in price. Mr. Hesse is a native of Germany, and has carried on his present business here in Rondout since 1886, and should certainly be in a position to satisfy the most critical both as regards price and workmanship. Mr. Hesse is a first-class custom tailor and a visit to his establishment located on Union Street will show that all tastes and ages can be suited. He also makes a specialty of repairing, cleaning and pressing of gentlemen's garments of all kinds, and as he employs only competent assistants all orders are assured immediate and satisfactory attention, and will be delivered at short notice when promised.

WILLIAM WINTER, Books, Stationery, Etc., Rondout, N. Y.—Whether our readers be of a literary turn of mind or in search of stationery goods, etc., they cannot fail to find a visit to the establishment conducted by Mr. William Winter both profitable and agreeable; for this gentleman carries an assortment of these articles mentioned, so varied and complete that it must be seen to be appreciated, and what is even more to the purpose he is prepared to quote the very lowest market rates on anything he offers for sale. This enterprise was inaugurated by Archibald Winter in 1846, and continued by the present proprietor since 1855 and has therefore been under their able and liberal management for nearly half a century. Mr. Winter is a native of England, and is very well known throughout Rondout and vicinity. The supply of books carried is made up of the works of standard authors as well as those who are most popular at the present day. The newspapers and periodicals comprise all daily, weekly, and monthly publications, and there is a sufficient variety on hand to allow both the tastes and purses of customers to be fully suited. Stationery of all kinds is largely dealt in, and the assortment carried includes the latest styles in fashionable as well as commercial stationery. The establishment under question is located at No. 162 The Strand, where two competent assistants are constantly on hand and every caller is assured prompt and intelligent service.

THOMAS FALLON, Undertaking in all its Branches Carefully Attended to, Day or Night, No. 84 Union Avenue, Rondout, N. Y.—In so large a community as that residing in Rondout and vicinity, it is inevitable that there should be a constant and extensive demand for the services of an experienced and competent undertaker, and it may be said this demand is very satisfactorily catered to. We have no idea of drawing invidious comparisons between these firms, but it is obvious that in this as in every other line of business, there must be certain houses which hold especially prominent positions, and it is, of course, well known to many of our readers that Mr. Thomas Fallon is entitled to favorable mention in this connection, for he has a record equal to the best. The premises utilized are located at No. 84 Union Avenue and comprise two floors and a basement, 15 x 25 feet in size, and all orders left here are assured immediate and painstaking attention, while undertaking in all its branches is carefully looked after. Mr. Fallon began his present enterprise in 1886, and holds the office of coroner for Ulster County, N. Y., and consequently is very well known to the residents of this town. He owns a number of horses and carriages, etc., and is thus enabled to supply every requisite for conducting a funeral in the best manner.

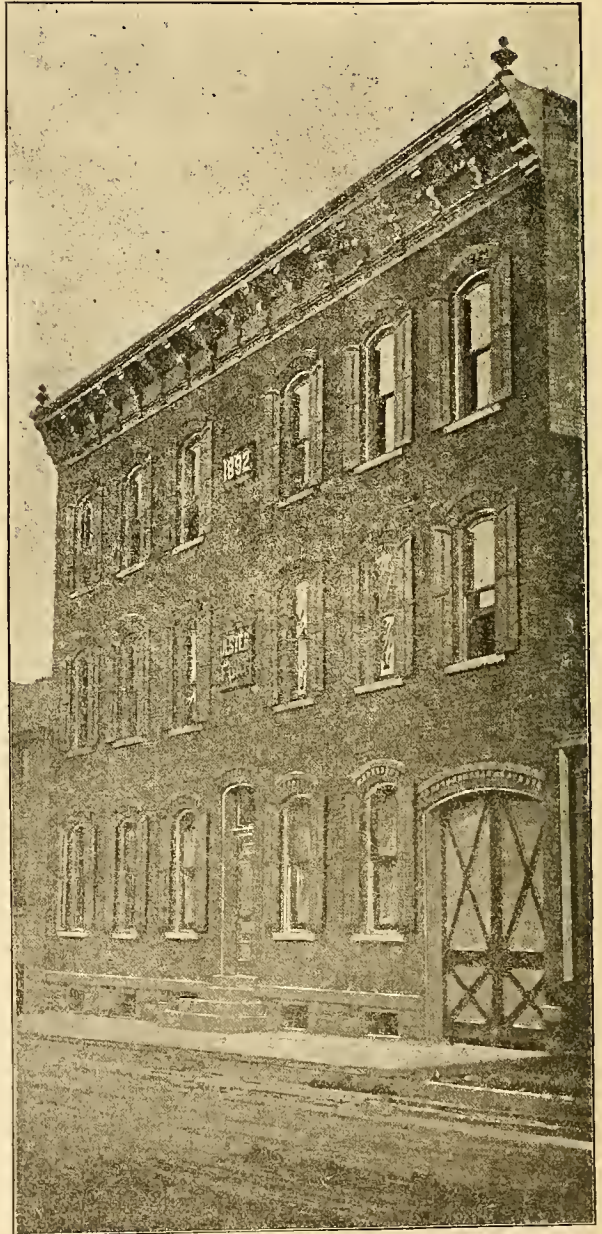
JOSEPH BLOCK, dealer in Dry Goods, Fancy Goods, Millinery: Wall Papers, Shades and Oil-cloths, Nos. 182 Strand and 35 Ferry Street, Rondout, N. Y.—The premises used by Mr. Joseph Block are very commodious, they comprising two floors 20 x 72 feet in size. But they are not a bit too large, for this house carries one of the largest stocks of general merchandise in the country and has use for every inch of space available. Anything like detailed mention of Mr. Block's assortment is entirely out of the question, for a mere catalogue of it would occupy several pages, but suffice it to say it comprises dry goods, millinery, wall papers, shades, oilcloths and all kinds of fancy goods with many other equally useful commodities. Mr. Block caters to all classes of trade and his policy of furnishing dependable goods at bottom prices affords sufficient explanation of the magnitude of his business. Employment is given to five clerks and a milliner, and customers are served with a promptness and courtesy which might profitably be imitated at many a much smaller establishment. This enterprise is as truly representative as any to be found in this vicinity, it having been inaugurated nearly twenty years ago, and having held a leading position almost from the first. The original proprietors were Messrs. M. and J. Block, they beginning operations in 1875, and being succeeded by the present proprietor in 1880. He is a native of France, and too well known throughout this section to call for extended personal mention, and we will only add that he spares no pains to maintain the high reputation already made.

M. F. LARKIN, dealer in Choice Family Groceries, Teas, Coffees, Spices, Flour, Feed, Etc., Etc.; Wines and Liquors, No. 48 Meadow Street, Corner of Chamber, Rondout, N. Y.—The business of which Mr. M. F. Larkin is proprietor was founded by him over twenty years ago and has steadily developed until it has reached quite extensive proportions. He is a dealer in choice family groceries, teas, coffees, spices, flour, feed, etc., and also handles wines and liquors, being well prepared to furnish first-class goods at reasonable prices. The premises utilized, and located at No. 48 Meadow Street, corner of Chambers, comprise one floor 25 x 40 feet in dimensions and are very conveniently fitted up, enabling orders to be filled at short notice and in a thoroughly accurate and satisfactory manner. The stock is so uniformly good that it is difficult to single out certain articles for individual mention, but we may at least call attention to the assortment of teas, coffees and spices, these being of standard purity, of fine and delicate flavor and of comparatively low cost. Country produce is always well represented in the stock, and those who appreciate good butter, and cheese, should most certainly test the goods offered by Mr. Larkin at No. 48 Meadow Street. Pure wines and liquors for medicinal and family use are a leading specialty and will be supplied in quantities to suit at low figures. One competent assistant is employed so that all callers are waited upon promptly.



HENRY E. WIEBER, Plumbing, Steam and Gas Fitting, Stoves, Ranges and Furnaces, Copper, Tin and Sheet-iron Work, No. 42 Union Avenue, Rondout, N. Y.—Within the past ten years or so the public have become alive to the importance of having plumbing work thoroughly and skilfully done and are well aware that a “cheap” job of plumbing is apt to cost dearly in more respects than one, for doctors’ bills count up heavily and after all, the chances are that the work will have to be done over again. Mr. Henry E. Wieber is universally known throughout this section of the State as a reliable practical plumber, steam and gas fitter, and it is natural that he should be, for he has been engaged in this business in Rondout for a great many years, having begun operations in 1878. He utilizes three floors and a basement, at No. 42 Union Avenue, 20 x 100 feet in size, and carries a heavy and complete stock of stoves, ranges and furnaces, copper, tin and sheet-iron work, as well as all kinds of plumbers’ materials, etc. Particular attention is given to fitting up dwellings, stores, etc., and estimates will be cheerfully furnished on application. Mr. Wieber being in a position to figure very closely on work of this kind, and what is still more to the point to faithfully carry out every agreement. Employment is given to eighteen competent and skilled mechanics,

so that all orders are promptly and carefully executed and at short notice. Mr. Wieber is at present alderman of the Sixth Ward of this town, this being his second term. He is a native of Poughkeepsie. In addition to the store owned and occupied by him, he also owns a fine residence on Wurts Street, and a superior tenement house on Ann Street, with accommodations for six families. This house is known as the Ulster Flats.





RESIDENCE OF MR. HENRY E. WIEBER.



An excellent example of the effects of close attention to business and intelligent and persevering efforts to produce goods of uniformly reliable quality, is afforded by the enterprise carried on by Mr. E. G. Adams, proprietor of "the Durable Pantaloon and Overall Manufactory," and manufacturer of mattresses, pillows, church cushions, etc. Since he began operations, in 1885, he has built up a very extensive trade and has gained the reputation of producing goods that are "the same yesterday, to-day and forever;" that is to say, they are reliable in the full sense of that much-abused word and hence they can be fully and confidently guaranteed by dealers to their most exacting customers, for Mr. Adams manufactures for the trade exclusively. The premises utilized by him comprise three floors, each

45 x 60 feet in dimensions, and contain a complete plant of machinery driven by a powerful water-motor. Employment is given to about fifty hands, and orders can generally be filled at short notice. Every detail of the business is closely supervised, and the system of inspection is such that there is very little chance for imperfect work to leave the factory. Mr. Adams has received many letters from his customers saying that his mattresses are the best they ever handled, and there is certainly no reason why they should not at least be equal to the best the market affords, as they are carefully and skilfully made from the best materials. He manufactures some eighteen different kinds of mattresses which, of course, vary greatly in cost; but in the making up of all his goods he is governed by the principle that a cheap made article is dear at any price and, grade for grade, his productions may safely challenge comparison with those of any other manufacturer.

WILLIAM DERRENBACHER & CO., Dealer in Groceries, Flour, Teas, Coffees, Spices and Canned Goods, No. 105 Abeel Street, Rondout, N. Y.—Mr. William Derrenbacher has gained a high and well-deserved reputation for handling strictly reliable articles and quoting the lowest market prices in every department of his business. The premises are centrally located and spacious, but none too much so to properly accommodate the heavy stock carried, which comprises all goods usually found in a first-class grocery and provision store. Mr. Derrenbacher enjoys a large family trade, and naturally caters expressly to that class of patrons. The assortment of staple groceries offered by him includes everything in that line in common use, and the goods are, without exception, obtained from the most reliable sources, they may be confidently depended on to prove just as represented. Mr. Derrenbacher naturally enjoys the high esteem which his business has gained. He occupies premises at No. 105 Abeel Street, where he carries a fine assortment of flour, teas, coffees, spices, and canned goods. Employment is given to able assistants and callers are assured of receiving polite and immediate attention at all times.

FRED BREITENBUCHER, Successor to A. Breitenbucher, dealer in Fresh and Salt Meats of all Kinds, Sausage and Poultry, Etc., No. 54 Union Avenue, Rondout, N. Y.—Mr. A. Breitenbucher has carried on the meat business since 1879, being succeeded by his son, the present proprietor, Mr. Fred Breitenbucher, recently. He now occupies premises located at No. 54 Union Avenue, which are 20 x 40 feet in dimensions, and contain a very extensive and carefully chosen stock, made up of fresh, salted, and smoked meats, also sausage and poultry as well as many other commodities too numerous to mention, but which are usually to be found in first-class establishments of this kind. The assortment is certainly varied enough to admit of all tastes being suited, and as competent assistance is employed, prompt and careful attention is assured to every caller. Mr. Breitenbucher is a native of Rondout, N. Y. He is very well known here. His father served in the army during the Rebellion. Mr. Fred Breitenbucher carefully supervises all departments of the business and is ever on the lookout to improve the service rendered, as he knows what will prove beneficial to his customers cannot fail to advance his own interests also. Goods are delivered free of charge to any part of the city.

CHARLES P. ROMER, Grocer, Fruit, Vegetables, Choice Teas and Coffees of all Kinds, No. 36 Union Avenue, Rondout, N. Y.—There is, of course, more or less resemblance between all family groceries, and yet each of them has certain characteristics of its own which either commend it or condemn it, as the case may be. Take, for instance, the establishment conducted by Mr. Charles P. Romer, at No. 36 Union Avenue, and we believe it is not at all difficult to account for its popularity, for although other stores may carry equally large stocks, quote equally low prices and be equally prompt and accurate in the delivery of orders, still there are few others which combine all these good points, and fewer still which possess another—that of handling only strictly reliable goods. This enterprise was inaugurated by Mr. Romer in 1873. He is a native of New York State, and is thoroughly acquainted with his business to which he gives close personal attention. The store has an area of 1,206 square feet and is heavily stocked with choice family groceries, fruits, vegetables, also teas and coffees of all kinds. Sufficient assistance is employed to ensure prompt and courteous attention to every caller and orders will be filled at the shortest possible notice, the goods being guaranteed to prove just as represented.

DWYER BROS., Ship Chandlers, Wholesale and Retail Dealers in Manilla, Wire and Tared Rope, White Lead, Mixed Paints, Oils, Vitrol, Tar, Pitch, Oakum, Blocks, Boston Rigging, Kerosene Oil, Machine Oil, No. 136 The Strand, near D. & H. Canal Co.'s Office, Rondout, N. Y.—To the ordinary "landsman" it seems as if the stock of a well appointed ship chandler's establishment included "a little of everything," so great is its variety; and an excellent example of such a stock may be seen at the store of Messrs. Dwyer Brothers, No. 136 The Strand, near D. & H. Canal Co.'s office. For although the premises comprise three floors and measure 30 x 70 feet they are fully occupied by the very complete assortment of ship stores carried by this representative firm, who are wholesale and retail dealers in manilla, wire and tarred rope; white lead, mixed paints, oils, vitriol, tar, pitch, oakum, blocks, Boston rigging, kerosene oil, machine oil, and many other commodities, too numerous to mention. The firm is constituted of Messrs. R. J. Dwyer and J. F. Dwyer, both of whom give close personal attention to the filling of orders although competent assistance is employed. The result is that all commissions, large and small, are executed at short notice; the service being prompt as well as accurate, and reliable as well as accommodating. The firm are prepared to meet all honorable competition in the goods they handle, and articles furnished by them will always be found to prove just as represented.

REIS BROS., dealers in Groceries and Provisions, Flour, Feed, Etc., Corner of Ravine Street and The Strand, Rondout, N. Y.—The general popularity of the establishment carried on by Messrs. Reis Brothers affords the best possible evidence that it is liberally, ably, and progressively managed, for the residents of Rondout and vicinity have a well-earned reputation for knowing a good thing when they see it and they certainly would not patronize an enterprise so largely as they do this unless solid advantages were to be gained by so doing. It is not claimed that this concern quote lower prices than every other; that they handle goods superior to those obtainable anywhere else, or that they offer inducements that cannot be paralleled; but it is claimed that bottom prices are named on all commodities dealt in, and that no better goods can be found in the market than are here offered, and that no trouble is spared to satisfy every reasonable customer; and as these claims are all based on facts, they fully explain the leading position of this representative store. The present firm-name was adopted in 1890, the proprietors being Messrs. Peter and Michael Reis, both natives of Rondout and rank among the best known in their line of trade in this vicinity. They employ competent assistants, and are prepared to fill all orders for groceries, provisions, flour, feed, etc., in large or small quantities at short notice. The premises occupied by Reis Brothers are located at the corner of Ravine Street and The Strand and contain one of the most skilfully chosen and complete stocks of the kind that can be found in this section. These gentlemen also conduct a boarding stable on Ravine and Abeel Streets. Transient and permanent boarders are assured comfortable quarters.

KINGSBURG & CO., Wholesale and Retail Dealers in Tobacco and Smokers' Articles, also Agents for the Celebrated Hot Peanuts, Trade Mark "Me Too," No. 167 Strand Street, Rondout, near P. O.—Perhaps some of our readers may have heard the story of the man who sent an anti-tobacco publication to Mark Twain, and asked him to abandon the use of the "vile weed," so that his example would not encourage others to smoke. Mark's reply was in effect as follows, "All of us have some bad habits. Some poke their nose into other people's business and some use tobacco; I smoke." There is a good deal of sound philosophy in that view of the matter and we commend it to the attention of those who let one idea dominate their minds to the exclusion of everything else. Tobacco using is often spoken of as an expensive habit, but in no other way can so much genuine enjoyment be had at so small a cost. Call at the establishment conducted by Messrs. Kingsburg & Co. at No. 167 Strand Street, and you will find they are prepared to furnish you with really excellent tobacco at a very low figure. This house are wholesale and retail dealers in tobacco, and can therefore sell it at the lowest market rates, and at the same time guarantee that its quality shall prove as represented. They are also extensive dealers in smokers' articles in general and agents for the celebrated hot peanuts, and offer so large and complete a stock that all tastes and all purses can be suited. Fruits and confectionery of all kinds are also dealt in, and one efficient assistant is employed so that all orders are filled at short notice, and customers are waited upon promptly and courteously.

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